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## A warm soak during the cold winter

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# Theme for the Olympic dream



*The Italian composer Giorgio Moroder, 67, visited the Temple of Heaven to shoot his Olympic music video yesterday. His past official theme songs include "Reach Out," for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, and "Hand in Hand," for the 1988 Seoul Olympics.*

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# Dam offers clean energy, no major geological threats

By Huang Daohen

The Three Gorges project is providing a cleaner source of energy and plays an irreplaceable role in local area's ecological protection and disaster prevention, a senior official said Tuesday.

"Overall, regarding the Three Gorges project's impact on the environment, the benefits outweigh the consequences," Wang Xiaofeng, director of the office of the Three Gorges Project Committee of the State Council, said at a press conference.

He said a thermal power plant

with the same capacity as the Three Gorges would burn 50 million tons of coal and discharge 100 million tons of carbon dioxide per year.

Based on a recent report on the area's landslides triggered by the rising water level, Wang said that the control taken by the committee is effective.

As much as 12 billion yuan has been allocated over past years to geological repairs, Wang said, he was confident that efforts were working.

"It is fair to say our investments have paid off. There were no major geological disasters because of the

rise in water levels and no major casualties," he said.

"The water level will finally rise to 175 meters. If new problems arise, we will have experts monitoring them and we will mobilize people to deal with any geological disasters," he said.

He also said construction posed no threat to the area's ecological balance. "We have released 200 million fish to protect bio-diversity in the area," Wang said.

"The water quality upstream the Yangtze River is generally stable," he said, "The levels of

algae have not reached the state's warning level."

At the Tuesday press conference, one of the dam's senior engineers shot back at international media reports, which characterize the dam as a time bomb and depict the water in the reservoir as soy sauce.

"It is hard for someone who has devoted half his life to this project to see such reports," Pan Jiazheng, 80, a research fellow with the Chinese Academy of Sciences and a leader of the project's quality control panel, said.

## Puppy love leads to high school hostage standoff

By Jiang Xubo

A teenage boy in a local high school held his girlfriend hostage at knife point for several hours Wednesday before police overpowered him and rescued the girl, the *Beijing News* reported.

Witnesses said the two 16-year-old juniors in the Beijing No 35 Middle School in Xicheng District, Li Gang and Zhang Li (pseudonyms) had romantic troubles before the standoff began.

Li Gang, the boy, was angry and dragged his girlfriend out of her classroom during a 10 am recess where his request for "a clear explanation" why the girl stopped meeting him was ignored.

The boy, a drum kit player in the school band, forced the girl to the ground floor of the teaching building and outside to an instrument storage room where he locked them in. Classmates tried to stop him, but failed.

The adviser for the junior class and the principal went to the storage room to calm him down, but he grew more excited and held the girl in front of him, pointing a knife at her neck, when people began to gather outside.

The teacher called the police. As many as 20 policemen, including special forces, arrived at the scene with an ambulance waiting nearby. The police spoke to the boy through the door, but he refused to relent.

The boy was heard repeating his question to the girl, "Don't you love me? Will you run away with me?" She cried and said, "I will love you as long as you don't hurt me."

At 1 pm, the police asked the boy if he wanted something to eat. The boy said "yes" after a brief pause. A woman special forces officer in plain clothes knocked on the door with food in her hand, while another male officer hid behind her.

The boy freed the girl and opened the door slightly for the food, with the knife in hand. The policemen rushed forward and forced open the door, while the policewoman ran into the room and pulled the girl out. Police overpowered the boy shortly after.

## Model orbiter meets public



A model of Chang'e I, the country's first lunar orbiter, was unveiled for the first time at an exhibition in the Beijing Planetarium. The exhibition, opened Wednesday, offers a chance to learn about the path of its space orbit.

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## Bigfoot tracks spotted in Shennongjia forest

By Han Manman

An investigation team found suspicious white hairs in the forests of Shennongjia, Hubei Province, which the team said may belong to *yeren*, the man-like animal which has been frequently sighted in the central province over the past decades.

The hairs have been sent out for testing. If confirmed, it will be the first sighting of *yeren* in the southeastern part of Shennongjia in the past few years, the *Changjiang Times* reported.

*Yeren* is the Chinese name for the man-like animals referred to as "bigfoots" in the US or "sasquatches" in Canada.

The *yeren* were sighted by four travelers, who drove through Shennongjia on November 18.

According to the report they filed with the Lichahe Forest Administration Bureau, they saw

two oddly-shaped, man-like creatures near the isolated Lichahe River at the northern slope of Laojun Mountain. The *yeren* fled quickly after being spotted.

The witnesses described the *yeren* as skinny and covered with black hair. The taller one stood about 1.7 meters and the other was estimated at 1.3 to 1.4 meters. Both were quite agile, and fled quickly through the dense forest.

The investigation team formed included the witnesses, officials from the local government and scientific investigators. Its scouting path followed the Licha River.

Irregular footprints, averaging one meter apart, were found along the riverbank. The team also found three branches beside the footprints, which it believes were broken by the *yeren* while running through the shrubbery.

Two footprints of different

sizes were discovered behind a stone. Pointing in the same direction, the adjacent footprints were identified as being left feet. The bigger one was 30 centimeters long with a width of eight centimeters at the heel and 12 centimeters at the sole. The smaller one was 18 centimeters long with an arch-like outside edge.

The scientists have sent an investigation report to the Rare and Exotic Animals Investigation Committee for a comprehensive assessment, Luo Yongbin, an official from the foreign affairs office of Shennongjia Nature Reserve government, said. The report includes videotape and casts of the footprints discovered on site.

The results of the assessment will not be announced for some time, Xu Xiaoguang, a member of the Rare and Exotic Animals Investigation Committee, said.

## KFC branded den of crime by police

By Annie Wei

Kentucky Fried Chicken's (KFC) outlet opposite the International Exhibition Center has repaired its monitoring equipment to rid itself of an embarrassing placard posted outside the store.

The yellow placard, hung by the local police station, said the KFC was a "Restaurant with frequent cases of criminal conduct." Located opposite the International Exhibition Center and Carrefour, the KFC is always full of customers, especially during exhibitions.

According to local police station, though the KFC outlet had many customers every day, it refused to hire security guards and had a broken security monitoring system.

"We have a responsibility to make sure the patrons who dine there are safe," Xu Guoqiang, director of Xinyuanli police station, said.

There were two or three reported cases from customers who frequented the KFC each month, not including customers who experienced a minor loss, Zhang Da, a local policeman, said. The KFC dismissed all its security guards to cut costs last year.

The police station said it has continually asked KFC to do something about these problems for the last year, and placed its own security guards at the site and left notices at KFC tables. However, the restaurant never reacted, stating that any changes would need to be approved by KFC headquarters.

The police said they were never able to find any manager who was responsible for handling the store's security issues.

A KFC spokesman told local newspapers that the company has taken measures to remind customers to mind their safety and belongings.

The store repaired its security cameras this week, and the local police agreed to remove the placard.

## Brief news

### Free therapy for 37,500 AIDS patients

The country provided free anti-retroviral therapy to 37,500 AIDS patients from September 2003 to September 2007, the Ministry of Health said Tuesday.

### 100,000 foreign residents

The number of foreign residents in Chaoyang District has reached 100,000, ranking first among the capitals' districts, Cheng Lianyan, the district chef, said this week at a forum on the district's population development.

### Draft energy law

The country will announce a draft energy law tomorrow to seek public opinion through media and the Internet, Xu Dingming, vice director of the Office of the National Energy Leading Group, said Tuesday.

(By Jiang Xubo)



# Power of the pen

## may have prevented fatal pregnancy



No persuasion could sway Xiao to sign.

### Woman and child's death shows how regulations stymie morals

#### Parents seek legal recourse

Li's parents arrived in Beijing to meet Xiao on Tuesday. Before their daughter's death, the couple had never met him. They inquired about Li's three years with him, and beat him fiercely. He said nothing as the couple kicked and punched him.

Wang Liangbin, the lawyer for the parents, said after investigating and collecting evidence, he will attempt to negotiate with the hospital. If the parties cannot reach an agreement, he will file legal action.

The hospital, he said, had adequate professional expertise to carry out the operation successfully, and only chose not to because they could not obtain the husband's permission.

The parents are also preparing to sue Xiao, whom they blame for condemning their daughter and grandchild with his adamant refusal to sign the consent form, Wang said.

"My daughter would not have died if Xiao had simply signed the form. It is no different from murder," the mother said.

"I miss my wife. I know I deserve to be blamed for her death, and I am willing to go to jail and be executed," Xiao told the parents. However, though he said he is willing to take the blame, he still claimed the hospital is really to blame.

"The hospital killed her! She was only 22. The hospital did nothing to save her, and they deserve blame more than I," Xiao said.

He told *The Beijing News* that if he is not jailed, he will become a monk and never marry. "This is what I promised my wife," Xiao said.

#### Fatal, adamant refusal

The tragedy unfolded at the Jingxi branch of Chaoyang Hospital, Beijing.

Li, already in a coma, was admitted to the hospital for a cold. When doctors learned her pregnancy was in its tenth month and delivery would come within a week or two, they wanted to perform an emergency delivery via cesarean section.

Xiao ignored the doctors' repeated urges to sign a consent form, which would give the doctors the green light to proceed.

Dozens of patients, doctors and nurses at the hospital approached Xiao, even offering him money to sign the paper and save his wife. However, he stubbornly refused.

Police and psychologists were called in to speak to Xiao about the seriousness of his wife's condition and to persuade him to give the hospital permission to operate. Despite the professionals' pleading, he insisted that surgery was unnecessary and said Li only needed medicine.

During the cruel tug of war to get his signature, Li died from heart and lung failure caused by acute pneumonia. Her child died with her,

By Han Manman

For many people who die in hospitals, death comes only after doctors have exhausted every possible option to save them.

Li Liyun, 22, and her child were condemned the moment her husband refused to sign a life-saving consent form and grant the hospital permission to perform a cesarean section - a surgery where the baby is delivered through a surgical incision through the mother's belly and uterus.

While the Beijing Health Bureau announced Wednesday that Li's death was mostly unavoidable due to the severity of her condition, had Xiao Zhijun, 34, Li's common law husband and a migrant worker from Hunan Province, signed the form, the child may have been saved.

Li died in a Beijing hospital last Wednesday. In the investigation that followed, the bureau's team of experts found the hospital was not at fault in the death of the mother and child. However, debate continues over how hospitals should act when morals and regulations clash.



Hospital's vice president Zhao Liqiang shows Li's diagnosis.

still in her womb.

Xiao said he took Li to the hospital to have her cold treated, not to have her baby delivered, and gave two reasons for his refusal to sign.

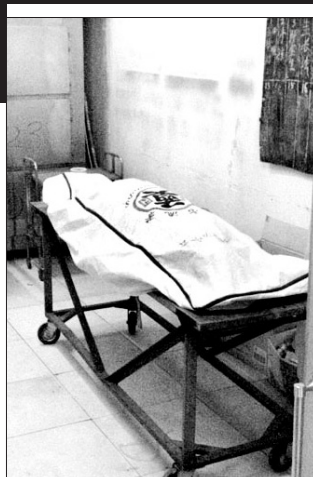
First, Xiao said he had no savings to pay for the 5,000 yuan operation. He worked as a dishwasher at a Beijing restaurant for 700 yuan per month, and an operation was beyond the couple's means. Second, Xiao said he wanted to have a second baby, but had heard from a doctor in his village that if there is a scar left by a cesarean section, then having a second child is impossible.

Days after his wife's death, Xiao revealed the real reason he refused to sign - he was afraid to take responsibility if his wife died after giving the doctors permission to operate.

Li's parents said she ran away from home after a conflict with her mother escalated to blows. Since then, she had lived with Xiao, though the couple did not have a marriage certificate.

#### Conflict between morals and regulations

Having watched a woman and child die, their hands bound by regulations which required the husband's permission to save them, the doctors



Li's body was put in the corner.

Photos by Brook Wang

and nurses were moved to tears.

Many experts and netizens blamed the hospital for not acting on its own. The hospital said it was forced to obey national regulations, which stipulate either the patient or a family member must sign a consent form before any surgery can be performed, and that the hospital has no authority to force a surgery.

"Without a family member's signature, no doctor would dare to perform surgery. No hospital would dare perform an operation that could be labeled illegal," Liu Baoyun, vice director of the departments of gynecology and obstetrics in Chaoyang Hospital, said.

Without the signature, the hospital could end up in court and face compensation fees of several million yuan if the surgery failed, Liu said. The hospital reported the case to the authorities immediately after Xiao's refusal, and the authorities said "the operation cannot proceed without permission from Xiao," he said.

"We never had such a case before - this is something new," Zhao Liqiang, the hospital's vice president, said. He said doctors are first and foremost Chinese citizens, and they are bound by the same laws as everyone else. "We can't break the law. The hospital did nothing wrong in this case," he said.

Zhao said they tried their best to persuade Xiao to change his mind. They even notified the police, made all preparations for the operation, and did all they could to maintain the life of the woman.

"From a rational standpoint, the hospital did nothing wrong, but from the morality and social angle, the hospital should be blamed," Xia Xueluan, a sociology professor at Beijing University, said.

#### Rules require revision

The tragedy has stirred up heated debate amongst the public. Some point their fingers at the nation's existing medical management system and say it is ridiculous to obey regulations at the expense of life. Doctors are obligated to help the sick or dying, and the law requires a human focus.

The case also sparked controversy over whether the families of patients have too much power when it comes to making decisions about



Xiao finally admitted he was afraid to take responsibility if his wife died in surgery. He still insists the hospital deserves more of the blame.

Photo by Liu Yuxin

medical treatment.

Changing the current regulations would be a mistake, Zhuo Xiaoqin, a professor at China University of Political Science and Law, who participated in drafting the current regulations, said. He disagrees with giving the hospitals more power.

"Our country's regulations follow international norms. The problem is how to implement the regulations in emergencies," Zhuo said.

He said Li was a special case, and giving the hospitals power to perform surgeries at their own discretion could lead to an abuse of that power.

Fu Rui, deputy director of the Shijingshan District health bureau, said that while the regulations guarantee the rights of patients and relatives, they bind the life-saving hands of doctors.

He suggested that the government add a clause to allow

doctors to overrule the unwise judgments of relatives in cases of emergency. If not, the tragedy is bound to be repeated.

#### Suggestions to the State Council

On Tuesday, Zhao Tingkai and Zhang Haoran, lawyers from the Beijing Fugong Law Office, submitted an emendation proposal to the State Council.

The lawyers said Li's death has exposed problems with the current regulations, and suggested revision by the State Council.

They said that when there is a conflict between life and signature, the first choice must be life, not signature, or it conflicts with the hospital's duty to "heal the wounded and rescue the dying."

Requiring a signature carries its own risks, as a patient's relatives lack the professional training doctors have and cannot always make a timely and educated decision.



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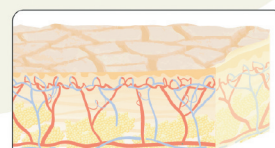


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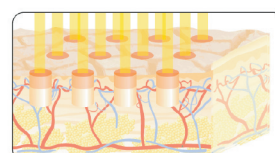
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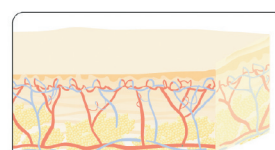
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# US warships denied access to HK harbor

Refusal to grant a US aircraft carrier access to Hong Kong harbor over the Thanksgiving holiday drew international concern, and a senior US naval officer said Tuesday that this was the second such incident.

Admiral Timothy Keating, head of the US Pacific Command, and Admiral Gary Roughead, chief of naval operations, said Tuesday that China recently refused a request from two mine-sweeping ships – the USS Guardian and the USS Patriot – to enter Hong Kong harbor to avoid a storm.

Last week, the USS Kitty Hawk, which has a home port near Tokyo, was forced to return early to Japan when Chinese authorities at the last minute barred the warship and its escort vessels from entering Hong Kong harbor.

Hundreds of families of sailors aboard the Kitty Hawk had flown from Japan to spend Thanksgiving weekend in Hong Kong.

China later reversed the decision but the move came too late as the Kitty Hawk was already returning to port.

"This is perplexing. It's not helpful," Adm Keating said in a video-conference from his headquarters in Hawaii.

The Admiral said he was more concerned about the decision to deny the minesweepers, which he said had been sailing in international waters, access to the port during a storm.



American aircraft carrier the USS Kitty Hawk (file photo).

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## US response

The Pentagon delivered a formal protest to a Chinese diplomat Wednesday over the refusal to permit US Navy ships to enter the port of Hong Kong on two occasions last week.

"We are expressing officially our displeasure with the inci-

dent," Geoff Morrell, the Pentagon press secretary, told reporters. He said a Chinese military officer who is Beijing's defense attache in Washington was called to the Pentagon to accept the protest from a Pentagon Asia policy official.

Morrell said the Chinese defense attache, Maj. Gen. Zhao Ning, came to the Pentagon Wednesday afternoon and met with David Sedney, the Pentagon's deputy assistant secretary for China issues, for a half hour.

## Background

According to Chinese regulation, foreign warships must get a permit from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs if they want to enter Hong Kong's waters.

After being approved, the documents will be transferred to the Hong Kong Immigration Department, and then finally to the Hong Kong Marine Department,

which is in charge of entry of foreign warships.

To date, the origin of the problem remains obscure.

(Agencies)

## Government cracks down on 'sexual medicine' ads

(Reuters) – The government is seeking to wipe out advertisements for "sexual medicine" and treatments for sexually transmitted diseases as part of its drive to clean up its food and drug industries, state media reported on Thursday.

The advertisements have "misled consumers, impaired the credibility of the media and seriously disturbed market order," Xinhua cited a State Administration for Industry and Commerce spokesman as saying.

The administration also ordered its bureaus to strengthen oversight of Web portals and advertising firms, and warned that those who carry illegal ads would be "severely punished."

## San Diego Zoo Panda Cub Named Zhen Zhen

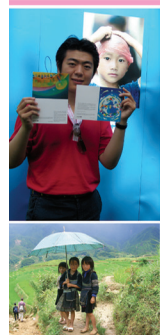
(AP) – The San Diego Zoo's panda cub finally has a name, Zhen Zhen. Following Chinese tradition, the zoo waited until the cub, which was born August 3, was 100 days old before giving her a name Monday.

Zoo officials said Zhen Zhen won out over 2,400 names submitted by zoo visitors.

Zhen Zhen is the third cub born to Bai Yun and her consort, Gao Gao, since 2003. The panda couple has been one of the most reproductively successful ever in captivity.

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# China orders seven banks to cut outstanding loans

(Reuters) – China has ordered seven banks to reduce outstanding loans, and told another group of banks to stay within loan quotas, the official *Shanghai Securities News* said on Thursday.

The report cited a circular sent to the banks by regulators aimed at limiting total bank lending this year.

The order was given to Chi-

na's three policy banks, which lend explicitly at the direction of the government. The banks are China Development Bank, Agricultural Development Bank and China Export-Import Bank.

The other four banks targeted were Agricultural Bank of China – one of the country's five biggest banks – as well as China Everbright Bank, Guang-

dong Development Bank and Shenzhen Development Bank, the newspaper said.

It made no mention of the other Big Five lenders, but said joint stock banks, a category of smaller institutions such as China Merchants Bank, should not lend beyond the quota they received at the start of the year.

The quotas, allocated by the

banking regulator and the central bank, are usually not rigidly enforced. This year, however, authorities are cracking down harder than usual as the year draws to a close in order to slow lending growth.

China's banks granted 3.5 trillion yuan new loans in the first 10 months, up from 3.2 trillion yuan for the whole of 2006.

## CNOOC launches nation's first offshore plant

(Xinhua) – China National Offshore Oil Corp (CNOOC), the nation's largest offshore oil producer, announced Wednesday it had commenced operating the nation's first offshore wind power plant.

The wind power plant has an installed capacity of 1.5 megawatts (MW). It is located at the company's Bohai Suizhong 36-1 oilfield, 70 kilometers off the coast.

The plant can generate 4.4 million kilowatt-hours of electricity a year. It will save carbon dioxide emissions by 3,500 tons and sulfur dioxide by 11 tons per year, according to CNOOC.

"CNOOC has great advantages in the development of offshore wind power, an important area in renewable energy," Fu Chengyu, president of the company, said.

Construction of the plant took only seven months, and its operation could signal even larger scale offshore wind power projects in the near future, Zhou Shouwei, vice-president of the company, said.

## Airbus part of \$30 billion in contracts with China

(NYTimes) – The aircraft maker Airbus and the French nuclear company Areva were among half a dozen companies to sign roughly US \$30 billion in contracts Monday with Chinese partners.

The deals, signed during a three-day visit by French President Nicolas Sarkozy, offered further evidence of the value of China as a market for European technology despite tensions over trade and the environment. The deal included a promise by Airbus to award to Chinese companies at least five percent of the supply contracts for its next-generation widebody jet, the A350-XWB.

The European plane maker is also trying to reduce its vulnerability to swings in the dollar. Executives at Airbus and its corporate parent, European Aeronautic Defense and Space, have warned that the dollar's decline poses a serious threat to the company's viability.

Airbus said it would involve its Chinese partners in the development of the 300-seat A350 plane, with more than half of them to be built from lightweight carbon fiber and other composite materials.

## Microsoft to hire 1,000 engineers in China

(Reuters) – Microsoft said Tuesday it would hire 1,000 engineers in the current fiscal year, joining the current 5,000 employees in China.

"We will add 1,000 engineers," Zhang Yaquin, the company's China chairman, told reporters on the sidelines of a conference. "There will be researchers, but most will be involved with product," he said, without elaborating.

The comments come after Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer said earlier this month that the Chinese market was important to Microsoft, but Beijing needed to do more to protect intellectual property rights.

Microsoft has said as much as a fifth of its software running globally was pirated.

(Agencies)

## Shanghai Expo hails the world



Visitors showed their hopes and wishes for the upcoming 2010 Shanghai World Expo with hand prints Wednesday in Shanghai.

In order to help tourists both home and abroad learn about the event, the organizing committee created a 6-meter-long display of hand prints on Wednesday at the Yuyuan Shopping Mall Plaza in Huangpu District.

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## China, EU outline future strategic partnership

The fourth EU-China Business Summit was held in Beijing this week, and senior leaders from both China and the European Union (EU) outlined their future strategic partnership while discussing pragmatic issues.

The yearly summit was attended by Premier Wen Jiabao, Prime Minister Jose Socrates of Portugal, which currently holds rotating presidency of the EU, and 500 entrepreneurs from China and the EU as well.

Heated topics included the Renminbi (RMB) exchange rate issue, trade imbalance, climate change and energy cooperation.

### RMB exchange rate

Currency concerns became the focus of the China-European meeting. The Chinese government would further allow the market to determine RMB exchange rates and offer more flexibility to the currency, Wen said.

However, Wen emphasized the country would improve the

RMB exchange rate regime "in a proactive, manageable and gradual manner," with a view to gradually enabling capital account convertibility.

Western countries have applied pressure for a faster revaluation of the currency, complaining the exchange rate is the cause of the global economic imbalance and mounting trade deficits from which they suffer.

"Exchange rate is a cause, but not the sole decisive factor, for trade deficits," Wen said.

"Since the RMB has appreciated, China has seen no dwindling exports, which is a testimony to the existing global industrial structure and the competitive advantages enjoyed by Chinese products," he said.

The premier emphasized the importance of "moderate" revaluation of the yuan.

### Tackle trade imbalance

China and the EU have agreed to set up a high-level mechanism for top officials to discuss

economics and trade issues, a move intended to smooth a relationship under increasing strain from the fast-expanding Chinese trade surplus.

European leaders at an EU-China summit in Beijing portrayed the mechanism, which will hold its first meeting in March, as a direct response to trade imbalances.

"The trade deficit is at unsustainable levels right now, and this requires a political response," Socrates said.

"We have decided a high level group will be set up to have a look at the problem, and come up with [ways] to mitigate it," he said.

Nevertheless, Wen cast the new mechanism in broader terms, saying it would allow the two sides to discuss economic development strategies and research new areas for cooperation, as well as co-ordinate efforts to solve problems.

"This is a cross-sectoral mechanism, not only covering eco-

nomics and trade issues, but also others such as environmental protection, energy and high-tech," he said.

### EU: loan to fight climate change

In addition to various cooperation in the energy field, the EU announced Wednesday that it would lend China €500 million to fight climate change.

The European Investment Bank (EIB), the EU's long-term lending arm, said it would provide the money over a 25-year loan.

"In China, EIB's lending activities focus on supporting European companies investing here and more recently environmental sustainability and climate change mitigation," the bank's president Philippe Maystadt said as he announced the loan.

The loan was announced on the sidelines of one-day China-EU business and political summits in the capital.



# Domestic airline blacklists 'unruly' passengers



Spring Airlines draws concern over its blacklist.

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By Jiang Xubo

A domestic airline company recently blacklisted a few passengers and will not allow them to fly again.

A spokesman for Spring Airlines, an airline operating mainly on domestic flight routes, confirmed that it had drawn the blacklist from previous "air rage" incidents soon after a net user complained that the airline was intolerant. A passenger found that he was turned down when he tried to book a flight to Dalian, Liaoning Province, in mid November through its online booking system.

"We were extremely prudent when we worked out the black-

list. Not all passengers were involved in the incident but a few major troublemakers were on the list," Zhang Lei, the spokesman said, without telling how many passengers were blacklisted and who they were.

He said that airlines were entitled to the right to choose passengers just as passengers had their right to choose an airline. But he added that blacklisted passengers could apply to relieve the sanction with a written promise to the company.

One of the airline's flights from Dalian to Shanghai was delayed in mid July due to bad weather. Several dozens passen-

gers refused to get off the plane when it arrived at its destination, insisting that they deserved compensation despite flight staff members' explanations.

The passengers occupied the plane for over 15 hours, triggering a chain delay in four flights, which started from Shanghai, and forced the company to rearrange as many as eight more flights. The incident cost the airline over 100,000 yuan and resulted in flight delay for as many as 690 passengers, Wang Zhenghua, chairman of the airline's board, wrote in his blog on Tuesday in response to the net user's complaint.

"We don't have too many

options other than to blacklist the passengers in order to avoid possible disturbances in the future and to reduce the company's and also public's loss," Wang explained in the post.

The administrator was not aware of the blacklist, but to blacklist passengers was the airline's own choice, an unnamed spokesman for the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China's East China branch, said.

The Shanghai-based Spring Airlines is a private airline, which has built its reputation as a cheap flight services provider since its establishment in 2005 by offering tickets as cheap as one yuan.

## Comment

### The airline breaks the law

The airline released its ticket prices, which makes sort of a public contract that anyone who can afford the flight is entitled to the tickets. The company breaks the contract law if it blacklisted passengers and denied them tickets.

— Liu Qiliang, lawyer

### Safety is the top priority

Airlines have no obligation to compensate for flight delays due to bad weather. It is groundless to force airlines to fly despite bad weather and risk passengers' lives. Safety must be the top priority. We support the airline.

— CKLOVER

### There is nothing wrong with passengers

It is unfair to blame only the passengers for occupying the plane. Passengers deserve explanations and compensations for the flight delay.

— Airbender

### Cheap airlines offer cheap service.

It is not easy for economic airlines to make ends meet. Passengers should be prepared for something going wrong when they use cheap private airlines.

— rainbow

### Airlines' intolerance equals a monopoly

What if all public transportation adopted this method? It constitutes a monopoly if the company has no tolerance for any objections at all. That would be awful.

— Pinklady2008

(Source: 163.com)

# Controversy over nudist singing Chinese songs

By Jackie Zhang

A young man from New York, who called himself "Honglaowai," is getting well-known in China. He said he liked Chinese culture and history. Last week, he started to post homemade videos online in which he appeared naked and sang old Chinese revolutionary songs.

Honglaowai posted his first video on tudou.com, a website quite popular in China among young people for posting and watching videos online.

So far, he has posted five videos at tudou.com, including old revolutionary songs and a song sung by Jay Chou, which

tells of the pains and suffering brought about by war.

In the first three videos, he sang standing in front of a white wall, stripped to the waist. A photo of Mao Zedong was hanging behind him on the wall.

These videos were transmitted by netizens onto different websites making him an overnight sensation. While some people praised his Chinese pronunciation and enthusiasm for China, and gave him suggestions on which songs he should learn and sing, some condemned him, saying that he doesn't respect China because he doesn't wear clothes when singing, and he just

wants to become famous.

Tuesday Honglaowai responded to some questions raised by netizens. He said he did not intend to insult China and the Chinese people by appearing naked. "I'm a proletariat and don't have clothes. For a serious communist, thoughts are more important than clothes," he said. Honglaowai also said that he produced and posted these videos and started his blog to celebrate the Chinese Communist Party's success and because he loved peace.

Beijing Today's call to honglaowai went unanswered. Nevertheless, the young man's motivation is debatable.



Honglaowai's video list at tudou.com



Screen pictures of Honglaowai's videos.

## Comment

### Support

I totally support you. There are few people who can sing these revolutionary songs completely. You sang "Zhi zhan zhi shang" very well. It is obvious that you praise proletariat. However, I hope you can be a little more serious in the future when singing revolutionary songs

— Pan Hao

It's a kind of promotion

I'm not sure whether this foreigner is in New York or Shanghai. He can sing Chinese revolutionary songs, but does he want to express his enthusiasm purely or does he want to promote himself through the Internet?

— runmtto 120

It has nothing to do with politics

I liked your song. Please keep your style. It should have no rela-

tionship with politics. We all hate wars. Besides, it is special for you to sing songs being naked. It is cool. All of us will remember you.

— Daisy

### China is different now

You can search "red rock" through Chinese music search engines. It will show you numbers of revolutionary songs. If you are interested, you can try to sing them. Chinese people are hospita-

ble and like to make friends. But I'd like to remind you that China is different from the way it used to be in the past. If you want to experience the "red culture," you can go to Tiananmen Square and watch the flag-raising ceremony or watch some Chinese movies from the 1950s and 1960s.

— Laomen'er

Please keep on loving China

I like your idea of expressing

your thoughts by singing. Most of the people in the world do not like to see wars, including countries like Iraq and Iran. I'm not sure whether you are interested in China or the proletarian revolution. I hope you can keep up your love for China, the Chinese culture and try your best to clear up some Chinese people's misconceptions about you.

— Alan



# American's film examines China's rockers

By He Jianwei

An American spent three years in China making a feature film about its rock bands. It will debut in the clubs during the first Beijing Independent Film Festival next month.

Tim Lies, born in New Jersey, moved to Harbin, Heilongjiang Province, three years ago and came to Beijing two years ago. He formed a band called Chaoziran (The Supernaturals) in Beijing and has spent every Sunday to finish a film titled *Megwoman! The Story of the New Rock Revolution!*

"The name *Megwoman* is a play on the Chinese term *meiguoren*, meaning American," he said.

## A rockumentary

"*Megwoman* is a kind of rockumentary, which is a documentary revealing the situation of rock n' roll in China," Lies said.

In this zany self-produced fictional road movie, an American rocker finds salvation in China's underground music scene.

Based on a true story, it centers around deported American rock

star Lucifer Jones, a beggar on the streets of Harbin. After surviving the frigid street life, Jones discovers China's rock scene and eventually rises to status of rock star.

Along the way, he finds love with a Chinese prostitute, drinks large quantities of beer and discovers a psychic third language. Finally forced into the inevitable job of English teacher, Jones instructs his high school students in street lingo and leads them in raucous versions of the Queen classic, "We Will Rock You!"

In the end he overcomes his heartache, psychosis and cultural barriers to form his own band, Chaoziran, and becomes the newest member of the rock revolution.

"The movie is not just me walking around being a rock star, it has a deep subtext. It challenges the Western concepts of good and evil and the entire history of the world by saying that China is going to rise up and America is going to fall," Lies said.

## New voice of China

Leading the audience from one

concert to another, this film features 30 Chinese bands and artists, many nationally famous, including Brain Failure, Ordinance, Second Hand Rose and Tin Liquid Oxygen.

"We have four major clubs portrayed in this movie, including 13 Club, Mao Live House, Yugong Yishan and Mix Club, and there's no way if I was in Los Angeles that I could even get into a club to shoot anything," Lies said.

The film-maker believes the rock bands in China are not imitations of the Western music scene and they have their own voice. "No one heard the voice before, and it's the new voice of China's rock n' roll," he said.

## Hollywood sells guns

Lies previously worked as a journalist and an underground film producer in New York before. "I was fed up with America. The music is dead and Hollywood is dead there," he said.

Hollywood movies are selling guns in Lies's mind. "You see guns in every Hollywood movie



Tim Lies (left)

Photo provided by Tim Lies

nowadays, making the audience believe that the world needs guns," he said.

Lies plans to make more films on the issues of environment and education. "To make a movie means to do the impossible and to solve social problems," he said.

# China trains mine sweeping experts for Africa



A trainee tests his skills in an exercise.

By Jiang Xubo

As many as 40 soldiers from landmine ridden Africa are receiving intensive training in deactivation in a Nanjing-based military college thanks to the country's commitment to international de-mining cooperation.

The trainees, who came from Angola, Burundi, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Chad, are able to share their country's experiences in deactivating landmines, including detection methods and skills to identify and handle mines, in the 45-day training course.

The training started late last month at the PLA University of Science and Technology (PLAUST) in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province.

The trainees, who were divided into a French-speaking group and a Portuguese-speaking group, receive six hours training a day. Morning training sessions mainly comprised speeches and demonstrations in classrooms. While three-hours field training exercises in the afternoons offered valuable chances for the trainees to practice and test their skills.

PLAUST prepared a faculty of eight teachers and a 2,000-square-

meter training field for the training course on its campus.

"De-mining is a matter of life and death," Liu Qiang, vice director of PLAUST's teaching and research section for landmine blasting, said, "We have to begin with the basics to ensure that all trainees master complete routines and standard practices. The trainees came here with different levels of landmine knowledge."

Burundi, which suffered from landmines, mainly anti-tank and anti-personal mines, since 1995, had 10 people in this year's training course. Landmines, mostly in the country's forest, claimed not only people's lives, but also caused severe damage to the country's agriculture and animal husbandry. The UN had launched humanitarian de-mining operations in the country since 2000, however the country lagged behind in its own de-mining efforts due to funds shortages and technology gaps.

"The training course is a great help to our country," Daniel Buhanza, captain of the Burundian team, said, "We gained better understanding about landmines thanks to knowledge we gained here and drill sergeants gave great demonstrations in field training exercises. We feel ready now to clean landmines on our own once our government decides to do it."

In addition, China will donate equipment, mainly detectors and protection kits to the five countries to help with their efforts.

"The aid project combines training courses and donations, aiming to develop and improve their skills, which will help to achieve rapid and sustainable progress in de-mining operations in the countries," Zhang Yan, director of



A Chinese drill sergeant giving on-site instruction in the field.

Photos provided by PLAUST

the Department of Arms Control and Disarmament of the Foreign Affairs Ministry, said at the training course's launching ceremony.

The training course was China's latest offer to help with African countries' mine renew efforts after the country promised further assistance in the operation during last year's China-Africa Summit.

Previously, trainees from four

African countries, including Angola and Mozambique, received similar training courses in PLAUST in 1999 and 2000. China has offered de-mining assistance to over 10 countries in Asia and Africa since 1998, including funds donations, de-mining equipment and training courses.

(Wu Yangman, Lu Zunhou and Wang Bo from PLAUST contributed to the report.)

## French gallery included in President's trip

By He Jianwei

Yoyo Maeght, the manager of Maeght Gallery in Paris, went to China with French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who paid an official visit to China for the first time from November 25 to 27.

Maeght is the sole member from the private artistic sector in the President's visitor group. "On the members' list, the others are from official museums, including the Louvre Museum and the Centre Georges Pompidou," Maeght said.

She believes the President understands that both private and official representatives are important in the process of cultural exchange. "We do what the official museums don't do. Our President knows that art is a powerful tool to promote social development," she said.

During the trip, Maeght observed the art market in Beijing. "We have presented some exhibitions at Chinese museums and galleries before, but we will not open a new gallery in China. It's hard to find someone in my family to manage it here," she said.

She emphasized that her gallery would focus on finding cooperation with Chinese museums and galleries in the future. Her gallery will cooperate with some museums and galleries in Beijing to introduce European artists to China and bring Chinese artists to France.

Maeght believes that the most important thing is to build a foundation for cultural exchange between the two countries as in the past. "Before we can know each other in the field of contemporary art, we must know each other's histories first," she said.

She thought she could be included as the President's first official, promoting the President's support to the private artistic organizations in France. "It will be an important symbol for the development of private artistic organizations," she said.

Maeght Gallery, one of the most important art galleries in Europe, was founded by Aime Maeght in 1946, providing a literal and figurative base for so many 20th-century masters, including Henri Matisse, Georges Braque, Joan Miro and Marc Chagall.



# Joint effort with UN to stamp out AIDS discrimination

By Huang Daohen

The nation's efforts to prevent HIV/AIDS-related discrimination were accelerated Wednesday with the launch of an UN-backed project for HIV-infected people to speak out about the disease and the stigma it carries.

The "Positive Talks" project, implemented by Marie Stopes International China, aims to train and support 35 Chinese men and women living with HIV/AIDS to participate in HIV-related advocacy, prevention, care and awareness activities at schools,

companies and hospitals.

"The project not only builds up the confidence of the trainers themselves, but also inspires the participants to accept their status," Kang Hui, head of the project, said.

Widespread stigma and shame affect prevention and treatment efforts, and have long been recognized to be major contributors to the spread of the HIV epidemic.

"Widespread stigmas and discrimination in all sections of societal life here in China, as elsewhere, still exist at a very

high level," Subinay Nandy, China country director for the UN Development Programme, said.

Nandy suggested there is a stronger need than ever to reach the general public and humanize the epidemic.

"In so doing, we can counter prejudice, ignorance and discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV and AIDS," he said.

Gao Fei, a Beijing man who contracted HIV from his late wife, said discrimination was still serious, even in the Chinese

capital, where only two hospitals specialize in providing treatment for sufferers.

"Many people with the virus face tremendous pressure. I feel an urgency to speak out and present the true image of people living with HIV to the public," Gao said, "But more objective views and raising the general population's understanding can help them face up to their fears and come out of the shadows."

Statistics show that about 650,000 people in China are infected with HIV/AIDS.

## Asian office of TUSIAD opens in capital

By Han Mamman

The Turkish Industrialists and Businessmen Association (TUSIAD) opened its Asia-Pacific office in Beijing Monday, looking to further expand its regional business opportunities.

The office, opened in collaboration with the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China (EUCCC), will inform Turkish businesses about economic and political developments in the Asia-Pacific region and organize high-level private sector visits to China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, India and ASEAN member countries.

Turkish State Minister Mehmet Simsek, who attended the inauguration ceremony, said China offers opportunities for Turkish companies.

He said he expects China to become the largest economy in the world by 2050, and that the opening of the office is an affirmation of Turkish confidence in an economic shift to the East.

China and India will be influential countries in global economy and politics in 40 years, he said.

"I believe that Turkish presence in China, led by TUSIAD, will play a significant part in meeting the trade deficit between the two countries," Simsek said.

Simesk said the office would also seek to attract Chinese investment in Turkey, since China had accumulated enough capital to explore world markets.

The Beijing office will be able to make use of the infrastructure, logistics, communication personnel, work groups and activities of the EUCCC, Arzuhan Dogan Yalcindag, the TUSIAD chairman, said.

It will assist TUSIAD members in export, investment and partnership dealings with China, and will play an informative and confidence-building role with Chinese interlocutors concerning the Turkish economy, Yalcindag said.

Following the inauguration, Turkish officials will sign an agreement with the officials of Chinese Federation of Industry and Commerce on establishment of Turkish-Chinese Joint Cooperation Platform, he said.

TUSIAD has other representative offices in Washington and Brussels, and branch offices in Berlin and Paris.

## Korean dancers shine



Sino-Korea Friendship Week, organized by the Korean Embassy and the Fujian Provincial government, kicked off Monday in Fuzhou, Fujian Province.

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## UN pleads to support poor in face of global warming

By Huang Daohen

Developed countries must immediately take the responsibility for past carbon emissions and help the world's poorest countries fight global warming, a report released by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) said Wednesday.

"Climate change is the greatest challenge facing humanity at the start of the 21st Century," Achim Steiner, executive director of the UN's Environment Program, said during a Wednesday press briefing.

Failure to meet that challenge could cause unprecedented reversals in human development. The world's poorest countries and poorest people would bear the brunt, he said.

The Report argues that the world's richest countries must take the lead in balancing the carbon

budget by cutting emissions at least 80 percent by 2050.

To that end, rich nations will need to provide US \$86 billion per year by 2015 to "strengthen the capacity of vulnerable people" to cope with climate-related risks.

Half the cost, US \$44 billion, would go to "climate-proofing" developing nations' infrastructure, while US \$40 billion would help the poor cope with climate-related risks. The other US \$2 billion would go to strengthening responses to natural disasters, the report said.

The report argues that the US and other rich nations should pay the biggest share in balancing the carbon budget.

Developed countries are failing to meet their targets under the current climate treaty, the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, which called for cutting greenhouse gases by 2012,

the report said. France, Germany, Japan and Britain have reduced their emissions somewhat, but the European Union is falling short of its goal of a 20 percent cut by 2020, it said.

China, as a representative of the developing countries, should also play their part by introducing new clean energy technology, the report said, calling for global joint efforts to fight climate change.

According to the Human Development Index (HDI) prepared by the UNDP, China ranks 81 out of 177 countries and areas covered by the report.

China's 2005 figure of 0.777 is above the average HDI for all developing countries of 0.691.

The nearly 400-page Human Development Report comes just a week before the world's nations convene in Bali, Indonesia, to negotiate a new climate treaty.

## BC trains Chinese peacekeepers in English

By Jackie Zhang

For the last seven years, the government has sent its peacekeepers to countries including East Timor, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sudan and Kosovo. Although the peacekeepers are carefully selected and have a basic command of English, they still require months of special training before being deployed for duty.

To help with training, the International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Public Security (MPS) and the British Council, which acts as the Cultural and Educational section of British Embassy in Beijing, jointly signed a formal letter of intent for the Peacekeeping English Project, earlier this month.

Peacekeeping English Project is a global project managed by the British Council that will send professional English training staff from the British Council to work closely with English teachers at the China Peacekeeping Police Training Center (CPPTC) to enhance the center's English training system.

"In China, we need to provide our peacekeepers with English training, so when the British Embassy made their proposal, we decided to work together with them," Tan Jun, chief of the Peacekeeping Police Division and the International Cooperation Department of MPS, said.

Tan said that one of the most important standards for selecting peacekeeping police in China is English ability. All selected candidates must sit the United Nations (UN) exam. "All Chinese peacekeepers here are selected strictly and trained professionally. However, their English levels still cannot meet the needs of English native speakers," Tan said.

"The peacekeeping police all had to have three to five-months training before being sent out. According to the UN's requirements, the English training courses include listening, reading, writing, oral English and translation," Tan said.

Brian Scott, manager of the Peacekeeping English Project (PEP) in China, will work closely with English teachers from the training center on materials and course design, development of English testing systems and development of a self-access center.

He will act as a consultant to the training center, and will provide training and advice and bring in expertise from PEP wherever it is appropriate. "Managers at the training center will continue to make decisions on curriculum and course development with my advice," Scott said.

Besides language training, the British Council will also provide opportunities for Chinese peacekeepers to communicate with their colleagues in other countries.

"We will network staff at the CPPTC with counterparts in other countries through both face-to-face and virtual means so they can share experiences," Scott said. "We also hope to network learners with their counterparts in other countries through virtual networks and learning tools. This will provide them with a real-life learning environment that mirrors the target situations they will encounter when deployed on active UN missions."



# Beijing's first swing competition kicks up its heels Sunday

By Annie Wei

Four and a half years after setting up "Swing Beijing," a community for swing dancing and teaching how to dance, founder, Adam Lee, 28, from the US, and his dancing partner, Leru, 25, a Russian, finally decided to present Beijing's first ever swing competition this Sunday evening.

The competition will be held at Salsa Caribe, 6 pm, December 2.

Compared to Salsa or ballroom dancing, swing in Beijing has a much smaller number of dancers. Only a few locals know what it is, which means Swing Beijing is the only place to learn the dance so far, but Lee is looking for new venues to expand the community.

Adam Lee, now working for a US music instrument company in Beijing, said he founded this swing community right after SARS. When he came to Beijing in 2001, he was looking for swing groups, but found none, so after two years he decided to create his own community and started teaching, something he had done in university for three years before coming to China.

Lee said the community has a mailing list of 400 people, but dancers lacked enough motivation to improve their skills. "The competition is to encourage dancers to work with their partners to improve their skills," Lee said.

He said that from having the idea of a swing competition to actually making it happen this weekend took only about three to four months. Although lacking time to attract general sponsorship, they still got Jitterbugs Swingapore, a Singapore swing dancing studio to sponsor two tuition tickets for the winners to their annual Swing Festival in February - SEA Jam.



Swing dancers practicing at the Lotus Lake, Houhai on the weekends.

Photo by Tian Yufeng

tival in February - SEA Jam.

Eight couples will join in the competition with 18 people in the Jack and Jill part of the competition. Individual dancers will be featured as well. There will be live performances by China's only swing big band and social dancing throughout the night.

## More about swing

The history of swing dates back to the 1920's in the US, where the black community, while dancing to contemporary Swing Jazz music, created the Charleston and the Lindy Hop, forms of swing dance.

## Where to learn swing

CD Jazz Café at the east third ring road is the regular spot for swing dancers to get together once



CD Jazz Café packed with swing dancers on Monday evening.

Photo by Annie Wei

a week on Mondays.

Classes between 7 and 8 pm are for middle-level dancers. Most of whom have been learning and practicing for a longer time.

Classes between 8 and 9 pm are for beginners. This Monday at CD Jazz Café, about 70 people showed up and packed the dance floor.

Herbert Yin, 77, a Chinese American from Washington DC was obviously the oldest beginner

student in the class.

"I found this club on the Internet first," Yin said that he was visiting his homeland and talked himself into learning before leaving. "People here are so nice," Yin said.

All dancers can join in the social dancing after 9 pm.

Anyone interested in swing dancing can log onto [chinaswings.com](http://chinaswings.com) for more information.

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## Events

### Celebrating the life of Rewi Alley in China

As a young man, Rewi Alley, came to China from New Zealand after fighting in World War I. He stayed, worked tirelessly for the Chinese people, traveled extensively and died here at the age of 90. This year is the 110th anniversary year of Rewi Alley's birth, 80th anniversary of his arrival, and the 20th anniversary of his death. As his birthday (December 2) approaches, there will be a panel of experts presenting their recollections of Rewi Alley's life in China.

Where: Friendship Hall, the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign countries, 1, Taijichang, Dongcheng District

When: December 6, 7:30 pm

### Singing Chinese folk songs

Chinese folk songs have a long and honorable history. There are over 30 provinces and regions in China, so come along to learn about the different folk songs with an expert from the China National Music Conservatory, and try singing some of them.

Where: Chinese Culture Club, Kent Center, No 29 Anjialou, Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District

When: December 4, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Cost: 70 yuan

Tel: 6432 9341

### Beijing Improv is back

A night of live music, improvised sketches, and unexpected laughs. Featuring a musical parade of random 1930's chimney swing and jazz numbers by "Too Dumb to Die" and possible fire acts and other live performers.

Where: Vivian's Bar, 12 Chaowai street, east of Kuntaijiahua Hotel, west of Binaohui and on the second floor of the Wangshibaili supermarket.

When: December 1, 8 pm - 10 pm

Cost: free

(By He Jiamwei)

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# Olympic tests events December traffic control

By He Jianwei

To guarantee smooth operation of the Good Luck Beijing sports events in December, new traffic control strategies were just announced by the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG).

There will be three sports events held in December: the rhythmic gymnastics tournament, the UCI track cycling and the 2007 ITTF Pro-TOUR Grand Finals.

## The Beijing University of Technology (BUT) gym area

The 2007 Rhythmic Gymnastics International Invitational Tournament will be held from December 5 to 7 in this gym.

During this period, only vehicles for the sports events and the other vehicles with a vehicle pass given by the traffic department are allowed to travel from Sifangqiao to Shuanglong Lukou during the time slot between 5:30 pm and 11 pm on December 5 and 6, and from 1:30 pm to 9:30 pm on December 7.

## The Laoshan Velodrome area

The 07-08 UCI Track Cycling World Cup "Classic" will be held from December 7 to 9 in the Laoshan Velodrome.

From Wujingqiao Dongjie Nankou to Bajiao Beilu Dongkou and from Laoshan Nanlu Xikou to Laoshan Xijie Beikou will have traffic control in place from 7 am to 11 pm daily.

Only vehicles for the sports events and the other vehicles with the vehicle pass given by the traffic department will be allowed to



Watching the pro-Olympics games at the gym is more fun than on TV.

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travel the aforementioned routes.

## The Beijing University Gymnasium area

The 2007 ITTF Pro-TOUR Grand Finals will be held from December 13 to 19 in the Beijing University Gymnasium. Traffic control will be carried out from 1 pm to 11 pm from December 13 to 16, from 8 am to 10 pm on December 18 and from 12:30 am to 10 pm on December 19.

Vehicles without permission from BOCOG or the traffic department

will not be allowed to pass the Haidian Lu.

Vehicles with permission from BOCOG or the traffic department will be allowed to go through the campus from the south gate to the northeast gate.

## How to obtain a vehicle pass

If you live near the previously-mentioned areas, you can get a vehicle pass from the traffic department seven days in advance before the start of the events.

You must bring a certificate

from the residents' committee, vehicle license and ID card to the traffic department to get the vehicle pass.

## Open hours for vehical pass

The traffic office of the BUT Gymnasium is from 9 am to 11 am and 2 pm to 4 pm, the neighborhood committee of the Laoshan Velodrome from 9 am to 11 am and from 2 pm to 4 pm and the security department of Beijing University from 9 am to 11 am and 2 pm to 4 pm.

## Use yikatong to enter parks

By Gan Tian

The transportation card, Yikatong, now has a new function. It can be used for entering parks next year, the Beijing Parks Controlling Center said on Tuesday. Visitors can tour 10 parks in the city by swiping their transportation cards.

Park visitors can bring their Yikatong to each park and apply for a ticket good for the whole year, from December 15 to January 15 next year. If the visitors do not have an Yikatong with them, the park will offer a similar card containing the park's entrance fee, but it cannot be used for public transport.

The fee is 200 yuan per year for normal visitors. Senior citizens above 60 years old only pay 50 yuan and laid-off workers pay 100 yuan. If a visitor only shows up by chance, the fee is the same as the normal price when the Yikatong is swiped, but saves the trouble of buying a ticket and helps the park tally its visitors.

Yikatongs can be used in the following parks: the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven, Fragrant Hill, Taoranting Park, Beijing Zoo, Beihai Park, Beijing Botanical Park, Yuyuantan Park, Jingshan Park and Zhongshan Park.

# National Grand Theater looks for volunteers

By Annie Wei

"Volunteering" is getting more popular in Beijing due to many non-profit organizations engaged in art, history and culture.

The National Grand Theater is no exception. To prepare for the first international performing season from the end of December to March next year, the theater has decided to search for its first group of qualified volunteers.

There are 170 open positions for volunteers, including audience service, performance narrators, linguist service, printed media design, copywriter assistant, stage decoration assistant, media information collection, media coordinator, actors and actresses helper, language training, sign language training, basic emergency care training, medical assistant, translator for English materials or other languages, art education assistant, assistant of art club, as well as legal aids for intellectual property infringement.

Xu Jingcao, the contact for volunteer theater recruits, said foreign volunteers are welcome. They have already collected student volunteers from the Beijing Language



Interested in being a volunteer at the National Grand Theater?

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and Culture University.

"We all have many visiting groups from all over the world and a native speaker from their country can help them enjoy the performances better," Xu said.

The basic requirement is that any foreign volunteer should have a good level of Chinese reading, listening and speaking, interests in art, enough spare time and good communication abilities.

The first group of volunteers will work from December 31, 2007 – March 31, 2008.

Where: National Grand Theater

When for recruit: November 20 – December 10, 2007

Contact: Xu Jingcao 6655 0992 or 6655 0987

Downloading the application form, please log onto nationalgrandtheater.com.

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Email your questions to:  
[weiyang@ynet.com](mailto:weiyang@ynet.com)

### Where can I find squash courts in town?

Many hotels and gyms have squash courts.

#### Jade Palace Hotel

Where: 76 Zhichun Lu, Haidian

Open: 7 am – 11 pm

Tel: 6262 8888

Cost: 100 yuan per hour

#### Kempinski Hotel

Where: 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang

Open: the court is open 5 pm to 9 pm on Tuesday and Thursday and 1 pm to 9 pm on Saturday for its members.

Tel: 6465 3388 ext 5721

Cost: 85 yuan per 45 minutes for non-club members; 120 yuan per year for club members

Others places include the Beijing Holiday Inn Lido Hotel, Hilton hotel and China World Hotel.

### What are the rules for foreigners buying houses in Beijing?

Foreigners who intend to buy a house in Beijing need a certificate issued by the Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau to prove that they have stayed in China for at least one year for reasons of work or study.

The rule requires that foreigners only use and live in the house themselves and not buy a house for other purposes.

Foreign organizations setting up branches or agencies in Beijing should provide certificates to prove their legal status in the city and give written guarantees that the houses they buy are only to be used for their own needs.

Foreign organizations and foreign individuals who want to buy houses in Beijing, other than for their own needs, should apply to set up a foreign company first.

If they want to buy houses to rent or sell or use for commercial use, they should apply to set up a foreign company and obtain an operations certificate.

Foreign embassies in China, representatives of international organizations and people who enjoy diplomatic privileges should have a note of approval to buy a house from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. For more detailed information, please call the Public Security Bureau at 8402 0101.

### I want to know on which day does Chinese Valentine's Day fall.

Chinese Valentine's Day falls on the seventh day of the seventh month of the lunar calendar.

In China, this day is also known as "the Begging Festival" or "the Daughter's Festival." It is an important day for girls. In the evening, girls prepare melons and fruit before worship and prayers for a good marriage.

On Chinese Valentine's Day, couples go to matchmaker temples to pray for everlasting love and marriage. Even single people will frequent the temple for luck in love.

(By Wei Ying)



# May the force

## Chinese stories about the force

By He Jianwei

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the iconic Air Force 1 (AF1), Nike has presented an exhibition called Force of Love at Nike 706 in 798 Art District, including various works of art, music, film and photography all inspired by the AF1.

In this exhibition, nine groups of local Chinese artists from the worlds of art, design and photography ply their wares. Some are leaders in the field while others are aspiring new artists. What can be sensed in the line and structure of the photos, designs and installations is the Chinese stories of the AF1.

### Chen Man and Yang Dawei

#### Peace can be powerful

Three photos depicting a tattooed woman, a nature scene and the upper of a shoe make up the work of Chen Man and Yang Dawei. The photographers, focusing on fashion, created three groups of photos with each group containing three photos.

Chen Man took the pictures of the tattooed woman. "She wanted to show the power of peace by shooting a cool tattooed woman in a peaceful state," Yang Dawei said.

The other pictures in each group were taken by Yang Dawei. "The peaceful nature scene shows the generosity that originates from nature," Yang said.

"We believe peace is a kind of power. The quiescent thing is even more powerful than the moving thing," he added.

### Liang Yuanwei

#### Love of dreams

Walking in a black room, you will find a shoe changing its colors together with mist from the top of the shoe. It is Liang Yuanwei's piece called *The Other Shore*.

The artist used a mold as big as an Air Force 1 shoe with silica gel and translucent materials, and installed an ultrasonic mist inside. When the model shoe is infused with cool water and switched on, the installation changes color and emits mist from the top.

"I named it *The Other Shore* because, in my mind, the other shore is a place that is full of my dreams and hopes. It is a destination that we will reach on foot," she said.

### Perk

#### Love in outer space

Perk, a creative brand founded by Jin Ningning and Si Wei in 2004, is famous for its illustrations, cartoons and installations. They put together three photos entitled *Looking for Love in the Universe*.

The creators appeared in the photos wearing home-made bulb glasses, false beards or red and round noses.

"Human beings have never stopped exploring the nature of the universe and have never stopped their material and mental pursuits. We were wondering with bulb glasses and false beards, if the people who make themselves out as clowns wandering the universe, are still looking for love," Si Wei said.

The artwork embodies positive wishes of love. "We believe in the future people may find their love in outer space," she said.

The work continues in the style of Perk, which is cartoon-like, colorful and hallucinatory.

MazyForce Muscle Recovering Program by Unmask

Photos provided by Nike 706



Untitled by Chen Man and Yang Dawei

Gao Yu

### Panda plus fire equals force and speed

Typical Chinese cartoon images are Gao Yu's favorite subjects, but he makes all his images with the blood of a "bad boy."

The panda is a representative and symbolic image in Gao's work. By combining the panda and Nezha, a deity from Chinese mythology, he creates a new character – "Panda Nezha" in his work.

He named his work *Invincible Flaming Chariot*. "The flaming chariot is Nezha's best weapon. It represents speed and force, and also symbolizes the rebellion between the youths' will and the dogmatic and rigid thoughts that are pervasive in a culture," Gao said.

Many Chinese elements were used in his flaming chariot design, such as the image of a taichi sword. "I love traditional Chinese culture very much. I believe if a Chinese artist wants to affect the world, traditional Chinese culture should be the source of nutrition to feed his or her artistic appetite," he said.

Unmask

### The force of science fiction

A muscular leg stands in the center of the exhibition hall. It is Unmask's sculpture *MazyForce Muscle Recovering Program*.

Unmask is a studio founded by three artists focusing on sculptures. They came up with a science fiction tale about their work.

On May 14, 2082, the independent archaeological group, Unmask Expedition, discovered a collection of ape fossils known as MazyForce, which were of great research significance. They were unearthed 200 kilometers from northeast Zhoukoudian, the former residence of Peking man, who lived here approximately 200,000 to 500,000 years ago.

The discovery upset the old views on the evolution of man. In later months, Unmask continued their research on MazyForce. Plastic experts gathered in Beijing and assisted Unmask to recover the muscle from the bone fossils.

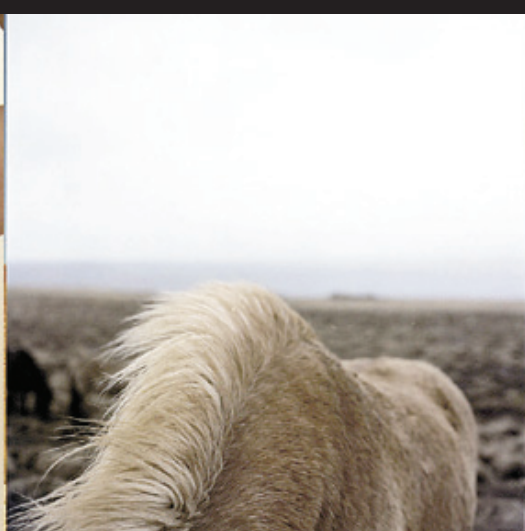
One day the first model of the muscles was successfully finished and the musculature of the foot came into being. What was truly amazing was that the ankle and instep were covered by a few groups of substantial transverse muscles wholly contradicting the theory of the physical universe. It was inferred by some experts that if there was a piece of muscle on the foot, then modern human beings could jump higher than was ever thought possible. However, the conclusion needs further proof.

"A few months ago, we created a work of a fossil supposedly found in 2107, so again we let our imagination run amuck and made up another story for this work," Liu Zhan, one of members in Unmask said.



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## of love



Air Force Love by Wang Hui



The Other Shore by Liang Yuanwei

Untitled by Guang Yu



Looking for Love in the Universe by Perk

### Guang Yu

## Every stitch represents love

Guang Yu, a designer, made an installation of a pair of black padded cloth shoes, a traditional shoe in China. Most people who were born in the 1970s and the early 1980s wore them during childhood.

The handcrafted cloth shoes are the best expression of love between a mother and child in Chinese history. "Grandmas and mothers in my family still make them. Every stitch is made with their love and care," Guang said.

"To this day, there is still a famous handcrafted cloth shoe store Neiliansheng in Beijing. Some people still yearn for the days of padded cloth shoes," he said.

By combining the traditional Chinese shoes and Air Force 1, this piece not only demonstrates a typical Chinese element, but also expresses the theme of love.

### Wang Hui

## Love of angels

A pair of three-meter-long white wings hangs in the air for architect Wang Hui's piece – *Air Force Love*.

Gold and white-colored stainless steel went into the construction of the wings. They are covered with white feathers and the edges are decorated in golden steel.

If the viewers stand between the wings, they light up for flight. "The wings stand for the love of angels. The work also resembles an airplane, which is the symbol of force and speed," he said.

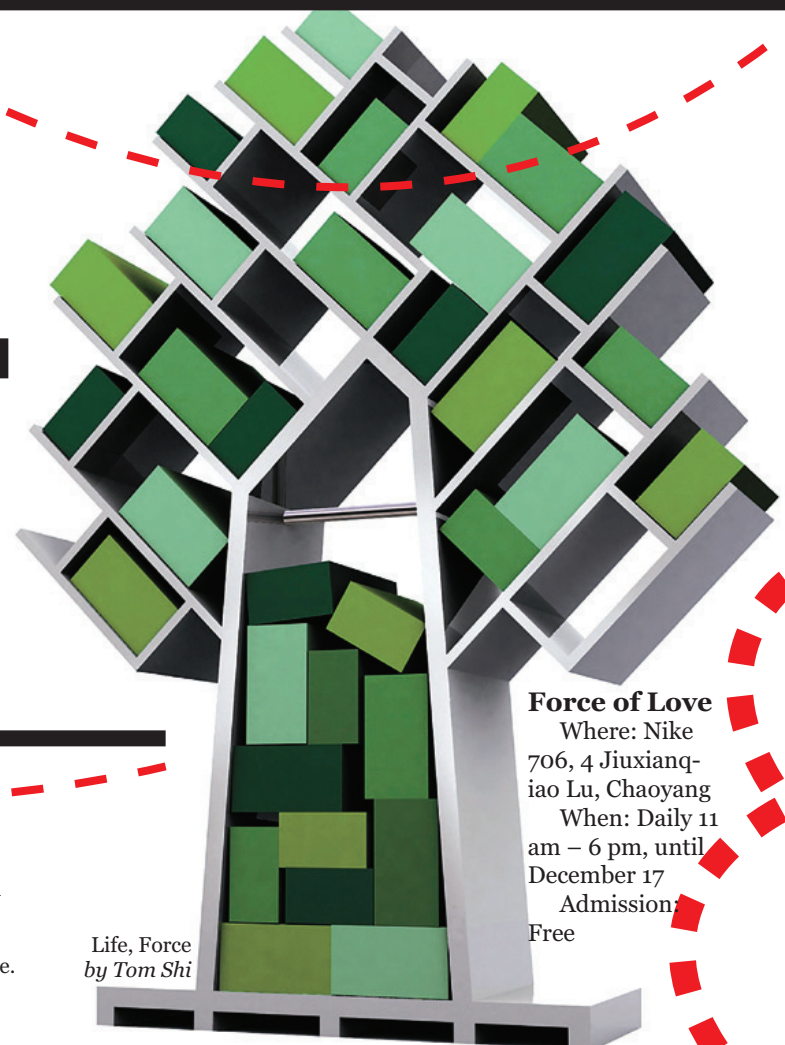
### Tom Shi

## Life is a powerful force

An installation in the shape of a tree full of green shoeboxes is Tom Shi's *Life, Force*. Inspired by the concept of purity and innovation, Shi made a tree to present the force of life. The branches are white, clear and stretch outward.

"One can decorate it as one does a Christmas tree, placing shoe boxes wherever you want, to demonstrate how exuberant the tree can be," Shi said.

"A tree is a symbol of life in nature, and we can't ignore the power of life, which makes the world work," he said.



Life, Force by Tom Shi

### Force of Love

Where: Nike  
706, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Daily 11  
am – 6 pm, until  
December 17

Admission:  
Free

### Wei Xingyu

## Exchange cannot stop

To the left is the Monkey King and to the right, Daffy Duck. Wei Xingyu made his presentation with shoes titled, *Transmission*.

The Monkey King and Daffy Duck are cultural symbols of the eastern and western world. "The Monkey King is an image representing the combination of passion and romance in Chinese culture. Daffy Duck is an image expressing the co-existence of humor and self-mockery," Wei said.

"In globalization, the sincere communication between two worlds has become more and more important," he said.



# Triumphs and tragedies of flawed greatness

History books are the bane of every high school student and have long been promoted as a remedy for insomnia, but in the hands of a master historian and storyteller, they can evolve into something far more interesting.

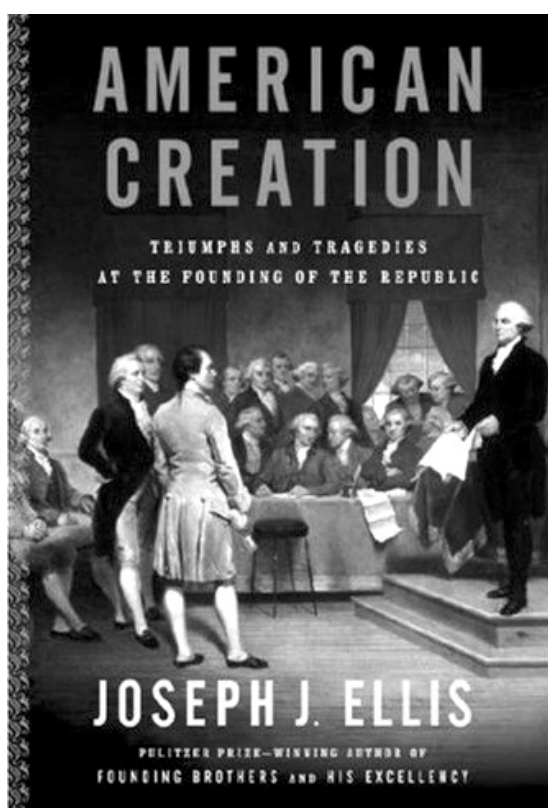
Pulitzer Prize winning author Joseph Ellis picks up where his *Founding Fathers* left off in his latest book, *American Creation: Triumphs and Tragedies at the Founding of the Republic* (304 pp, Knopf, US \$16.17). The book offers six magnificent historical narratives of early events such as the debate preceding the Declaration of Independence, the ordeal at Valley Forge, the beginnings of the party system in the 1790s and the Louisiana Purchase.

The narratives bring to light anxieties which plagued the US's founding fathers such as the nature of the US constitution and permanence of the new republic. Ellis analyzes how the choices made then affect the US today, especially an early sense of nationalism and the founders'

failure to constrain slavery. He emphasizes that had the founders made different choices, the direction of the US would have changed dramatically.

Hindsight is always 20/20, and he demonstrates how their misjudgments were not necessarily inevitable, as they are justified today. In one early example of Indian relations, talks between Henry Knox and Alexander McGillivray, the most talented Indian statesman of his time, began in good faith and descended into disaster. He also examines how a solution to slavery forced the need for the robust federal Jeffersonians viewed as a betrayal of their deepest principles.

With his amazing prose, Ellis strips away the myth and legend that surrounds and shields early US political figures to see the brilliance and blindness of ordinary men who did extraordinary things. His book details the era of flawed greatness that birthed the nation that would be a superpower in the 20th century.



## About the Author

Joseph Ellis is the Ford Foundation professor of history at Mount Holyoke College. He received the Pulitzer Prize for *Founding Brothers* and the National Book Award for *American Sphinx*, his stunning portrait of Thomas Jefferson. He lives in Amherst, Massachusetts, US, with his wife, Ellen, and Alex, his youngest son.

(By Derrick Sobodash)

## Collecting avant-garde book designs

### By Gan Tian

Publishers are paying more and more attention to book design. Writers aren't alone in delivering their message to readers – it takes pictures, pages, covers and designs.

Since 1991, a book exhibition called *The Most Beautiful Books in the World* has been held annually in Leipzig, Germany, and so has the annual Book Design Competition. These events provide a stage to show off books with outstanding designs: illustrations, typesetting, printing and covers.

Chinese designer Zhu Yingchun, winner of the gold medal in the 2007 Book Design Competition with *Bucui (No Cutting)*, 189 pp, Jiangsu Wenyi Publishing House, 28 yuan), has published *Yiyi (The Voice of the Ants)*, 99 pp, Jiangsu Wenyi Publishing House, 32 yuan), his latest design entry. The book tells a story of a humble ant, used as a vehicle to explore human behavior.

*Yiyi* is designed as a notebook. On each page are ants' unscaled pictures with tiny type to match. The rest of the space is white, for the readers to imagine. Many readers said they felt like ants while reading the book.

"The book is designed for a reader to view his life in retrospect. The white area makes the reader feel at ease and lessens the stresses of modern society," Luo Xuehui, 28, a programmer, said.

Qiu Xiaofei, an artist in his 30s, published an album titled *Heilongjiang Box* (208 pp, 300 yuan). The book tells about Qiu's childhood life, but uses paintings and pictures instead of words. The book, in the form of a box, contains many childhood toys in it, some glass balls, iron robots and even a notebook from primary school.

The designer, from Heilongjiang Province, said the contents of his book are drawn from his hometown. "There is a photo of scenery on the box cover," Qiu said, "It is the street where I used to live. I think everything in the box can remind readers of childhood."

Stefan Sagmeister, 45, a graphic designer, released *Made You Look* (292pp, Thames & Hudson, US \$34.99). Sagmeister uses red and green transparent plastic pages in his book. When you put different colored paper in each page, the context and pictures change completely. A green paper on the cover will show a happy puppy, but the red one will show an angry one, ready to strike.

## Bookworm book listing

Jenny Niven from the Bookworm gives readers the low-down on the three of the newest releases listed at the Sanlitun cafe.

### A Sweet Obscurity

By Patrick Gale, 336 pp, 120 yuan, HarperPerennial

Returning to haunted Cornish landscapes familiar from other Gale novels, *A Sweet Obscurity* is the story of individuals in search of family.

Dido, the nine-year-old heroine and emotional center of Patrick Gale's latest painful comedy, knows that the adults who surround her – the adults who should know better – depend on her for happiness. So who can she go to when her short life turns upside down and tragic family history threatens to repeat itself?

### The Gathering

By Anne Enright, 272 pp, 105 yuan, Grove Press, Black Cat

The nine surviving children of the Hegarty clan are gathering in Dublin for the wake of their wayward brother, Liam, drowned

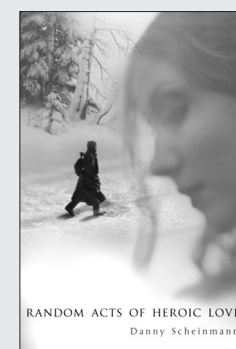
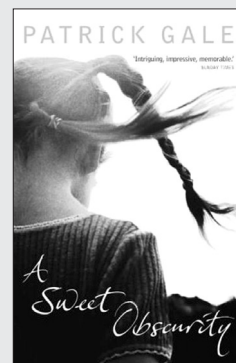
at sea. His sister, Veronica, collects the body and keeps the dead man company, guarding the secret she shares with him – something that happened in their grandmother's house in the winter of 1968. *The Gathering* is a daring, witty, and insightful family epic, clarified through Anne Enright's unblinking eye.

### Random Acts of Heroic Love

By Danny Scheinman, 400 pp, 165 yuan, Doubleday

Leo Deakin wakes up in a hospital somewhere in South America. His girlfriend Eleni is dead and Leo doesn't know where he is or how Eleni died. He blames himself for the tragedy and is sucked into a spiral of despair. However, Leo is about to discover something which will change his life forever.

(By He Jianwei)





By He Jianwei

Video games defined the childhoods of many children during the 1980s – the era when the teenagers grew up on the blips and beeps of Nintendo's *Super Mario Bros*, Konami's *Contra* and Namco's *Battle City*.

These "chiptunes" are mostly lost in an age when most games feature CD-quality audio, but some audio artists are turning back the clock to synthesize new music for these forgotten chips.

## Chiptunes

# Bringing back the blips and beeps

## Past and present

Chiptunes, also called chip music, are created by directly instructing a sound synthesis computer chip. The sound is synthesized in real time using the sound systems from old computer or video game machines instead of the sample-based synthesizers common to other genres.

The "golden age" of chiptune audio was the 1980s to 1990s, when manipulating sound chips was the only way to create music on computers and game systems. The old chips were extremely limited in synthesis, often allowing manipulation of only simple tone and noise generators, which forced composers to pick up the slack with quality and creativity. The limited synthesis capabilities cause chiptunes to have a harsh or "squeaky" sound to the unaccustomed ear.

The tunes consist of basic waveforms, such as sine waves, square waves, sawtooth or triangle waves and basic percussion, which are manipulated by code to change their amplitude and frequency.

In the recent years, chip music has returned to modern gaming, either with true chiptune synthesis, or using samples from the chips to track new music.



Groove to Sun Dawei's headbanging chiptune show



## Chiptune lover in China

Only a few artists in China are composing chiptunes, and most got started in the last seven years. The first Chinese artist to cut a chiptune album was Sun Dawei, alias "sulumi," with his 2006 release of *Stereo Chocolate*.

Sun was first exposed to the genre in 2001 when he heard the works of Cow'p, a Japanese "chip-hop" artist and publisher of the first ever non-game Nintendo Game Boy music album in Japan. He describes the sound as a mix between game music and "intellectual" dance music (IDM). "The sound was like what I heard growing up in games like *Super Mario Land*, *Contra* and *Battle City*, but it was laced with elements of electronic music," he said.

He decided to take the plunge and start bending waves on the

Game Boy's Pseudo Audio Processing Unit (PAPU) – part of its custom CPU – in 2004 with Nanoloop, a sound editing and sequencer application he imported from Japan in 2004.

Two years later, he released his first album. He has since founded Shanshui Records, a label which publishes electronic music, including chiptunes. The label's website is located at shanshui-records.com.

Sun has performed live chiptune shows since 2004, but this summer was the first time Chinese audiences were exposed to the genre in mass. "We performed at the MIDI Music Festival in May and followed it up with performances at local bars and in 798 Art District," he said.

During this year's performance, he brought in some chiptune masters from Japan and Sweden.

"Some of the audience knew what we were playing, but for most of them, it was just a sound reminiscent of their childhoods," he said.

Sun, a fan of dance music, has brought many elements of dance into his chiptune compositions. "Even though we are using old hardware, you can find modern elements in our music," he said.

His chiptune discussion group on douban.com has drawn 100 regular participants who discuss chiptune technology and information, he said.

## Software for composing chiptunes

The two programs Sun recommended for creating chiptunes are Nanoloop and Little Sound Dj (LSDj), both for the Game Boy.

Nanoloop, made by Oliver Wittchow in 1998, allows a user to create sequences and waveforms to play on the Game Boy's sound device. It is available for both the Nintendo Game Boy and Game Boy Advance systems, and was last updated earlier this year.

"[Nanoloop] can only be purchased (imported) from Germany or Japan," he said.

LSDj, programmed by Johan Kotlinski, enables users to sequence and program music on a Game Boy. It is primarily used by chiptune artists, but has been used by other musicians seeking to add blips and beeps to other works.

## Harnessing the waves

To try your own hand at bending noise channels into music, you can check out the following software:

Little Sound Dj – a powerful sequencer for the Game Boy's PAPU that includes some drum kit samples for the system's wave channel: [littlesounddj.com](http://littlesounddj.com)

FamiTracker – used to compose music for the 2A03 chip in Nintendo's 8-bit system, the Nintendo Famicom: [famitracker.shoodot.net](http://famitracker.shoodot.net)

GoatTracker – a free sequencer that produces music for the MOS Technology SID in the Commodore 64 computer: [covertbitops.c64.org](http://covertbitops.c64.org)

Nanoloop – Sun's synthesizer and sequencer of choice, also for the Game Boy: [nanoloop.de](http://nanoloop.de)

## Album suggestions

To get an idea what the genre is all about, Sun recommends listing to any of the following albums, available for free download or purchase from 8bitpeoples.com.

*Africa* by Cow'p

*Family Music* by YMCK

*Delete The Elite* by Covox

*Killbots* by Blasterhead

*Hamlin* by Kplecraft

*PICOPICODISCO* by USK



Stereo Chocolate by Sun Dawei



visit<partial works>remix by Sun Dawei

Photos provided by Sun Dawei



# Shopping at the organic expo

## Sprouts machine

Sprouts are considered as living foods because they can continue to gain vitamins after harvest. A booth selling a sprouts machine attracted many visitors to taste its alfalfa sprouts.

In addition to providing the highest quantity of vitamins, minerals, proteins and enzymes of any food per unit of calorie, sprouts deliver them in a form which is easily assimilated and digested.

Sprouting at home is an economic and effective way to add raw foods to anyone's diet.

The sprout machine is about a rice-cooker size, with three-levels for three plants that the vendor highly recommends: broccoli sprouts, wheat grass and alfalfa. According to the vendor, the machine can automatically spread water on the seeds every ten minutes. Every four to five days, the seeds will grow to the proper size for meals.

The machine costs 900 yuan, and "the cost of seeds is very low," the vendor said.

**Where:** Room 227-228, Licheng, 8 Sijiqing Lu, Haidian  
**Tel:** 8849 6728



## Manuka honey

It may not be ambrosia, but honey is a nectar as sweet as any other. Many people like to have a spoonful of honey with warm water in the morning. Derrhard Schneider, suppliers for Green dotdot, said a spoonful of manuka honey can do more than help the medicine go down – it can keep the medicine from even being needed.

Scientific research shows manuka honey is the only honey available for sale tested for antibacterial activity. It contains an additional antibacterial component found only in honey produced from Leptospermum plants, something dubbed the "Unique Manuka Factor" (UMF). There is evidence that the two antibacterial components may have a synergistic action for an amazing immune system boost.

Schneider, a polished Austrian man standing at the booth, is the fourth generation to own his farm, which also supplies organic imported flower tea bags like lavender, rose and blueberry for Green dotdot.

His products, however, are far from cheap. A small bottle of honey costs 150 yuan; a small package of rose tea costs 60 yuan and blueberry tea costs 80 yuan.

Schneider said his farm has a limited production capacity because of organic farming methods and hand-picking its berries.

In the first China Organic Expo in 2005, Schneider was the only foreigner at its few booths. Today, many organic products – both local and foreign – are entering into the market actively, and his products have sold consistently well in China.

**Where:** Underground Floor 1, Kenzo Plaza, 48, Dongzhimen Wai Dajie  
**Tel:** 8454 9825

By Annie Wei

Chinese people are increasingly eager to adopt healthy lifestyles, as evidenced by the visitors at the third Organic China Expo, last weekend at the China World International Exhibition Center.

*Beijing Today* sent its reporter to scout out organic products aside from local fish, fresh vegetables and fruits.

## Hona organic soy sauce and soybean paste

Hona Organic had only two products to present at its booth: soy sauce and soybean paste. Soy sauce and soybean paste are two important ingredients for Chinese cooking. It's good to see organic soy sauces and soybean paste finally entering supermarkets. Both products are made from raw organic materials from Northeast Organic Farm.

The price is very reasonable: 500 milliliters of soy sauce costs 25.5 yuan, and 300

grams of soybean paste costs 12.2 yuan. Hona Organic products are available in the Beijing New World Center supermarket and Auchan supermarket. Its sales representative said the company's products will enter more supermarkets soon, including Carrefour.

The company offered free bilingual brochures detailing Chinese recipes for asparagus shoots, ecology eggs and kidney beans with organic soy sauce.

**Where:** Beijing New World Center, 5, Chongwenmen Wai Dajie, Chongwe; Auchan: Siji Shopping Mall, 35, Wukesong, west of Beijing



## Baby products

Organic baby products make great holiday season gifts. More and more friends in their late 20s to early 30s are joining the parenthood crowd. Any gift that ensures the health and well-being of every family member is a guaranteed hit.

For modern moms seeking to dress up their children in fancy clothes, the SODANSAN eco fabric softener available at the Lohas supermarket booth can ease worries over the effects of fabric softener on a baby's skin.

The brand also offers an organic vinegar-based cleaner, used to clean the kitchen and bath and eliminate odors. It also has organic soaps in eight different scents like lavender,

almond and wild rose.

The fabric softener costs 51 yuan per bottle, and organic baby food costs vary from 10 yuan per small bottle to 52 yuan per box of cereal.

**Where:** 52 Jingshun Lu, Sunhe, Chaoyang, or B4 29 Lucky Street, Chaoyang, or 10A 5 Building 76, Nan'er Lu, Baiziwan, Chaoyang

**Tel:** 8459 4332



Photos by Annie Wei

## Fairytale Romance & Christmas Extravaganza 2007 @ Days Hotel & Suites Beijing

### Romantic Silent Night

Spend a romantic night with Christmas Set Dinner and lucky draws. Taste Christmas drinks while entertained by live band music.

**Where:** A+A Club

**When:** December 24, 6:30 pm – 1 am next day

**Set Ticket:** 1,388 yuan net, for two persons with a one night's stay in a Superior Room.

**Additional benefits per set ticket:** 688 yuan net for third person; or 288 yuan net for a child between 3 and 12.

### Fairytale Christmas Gala Night

Lavish buffet, entertainment shows, fun

games and lucky draws. Fabulous prizes feature Outbound Travel for two persons, Portable Computer, LCD TV and Cell Phone.

**Where:** Regal Palace Theatre Restaurant

**When:** 6:30 pm – midnight, December 24

**Ticket:** 1,288 yuan net for an adult; 688 yuan net for a child between 3 and 12.

### Ginger Bread House

**Where:** Lobby

**When:** December 1 - 25

**Tel:** 6773 1234 ext 3930 or 8778 9888 ext 222





People worldwide are paying more attention to organic food due to mounting concerns about food safety and environmental protection.

China, a country enamored with biotechnology and a recognized leader in genetically modified crop research, is also experiencing an organic farming boom.

## Status in China

The country is poised to become a power in the global organic food industry. Last year, it led Asia in certified organic farmland with roughly a million hectares. Much of this is used to produce organic vegetables, beans, cereals, grains and seeds for export markets.

China started ecological agriculture in the 1980s to promote environmental protection and eliminate food contamination. In May 1990, departments of the Agricultural Ministry of China officially began exploiting green food.

There are three grades of safe food: pollution-free, green and organic. Organic food is the most environmentally friendly.



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# Organic trends in China

## Challenges ahead

Though organic food consumption has huge growth potential in the Chinese market, there are challenges ahead.

### Price concern

Recently, residents in big cities like Shanghai and Beijing are buying organic food, but many have expressed frustration over the higher prices. Nationwide, organic food consumers account for no more than three percent of China's total population, according to China Organic Food Development Center (OFDC), a subdivision of the State Environmental Protection Administration.

### Uneven demand

In 2006, some 1 million hectares of land were dedicated to certified organic production or under certification in China, an amount second only to the US. Unlike countries whose organic farming is prompted mainly by concerns for the environment and health, China's organic production is driven by the economic benefits of global trade.

Reports said China has become the dominant supplier of organic beans and seeds – such as pumpkin and sunflower seeds and kidney and black beans – to the European market.

While the surge is fueled by increased overseas demand, the domestic market should play an increasing role too.

### Challenging soils

The challenge is to grow truly organic crops in the country's polluted soils, con-

taminated with heavy metals, fertilizers and pesticides.

Most of the fertilizers used domestically are phosphate-based chemicals. Statistics show that farmers use 400 kilograms of fertilizers per hectare of land, exceeding the threshold of 225 kilograms per hectare set by industrial countries.

Scholars of the Chinese Academy of Sciences pointed out that the polluted soil would have to be dealt with and the croplands would have to be expanded significantly.

### Certification obstacle

The uneven quality of certification is another obstacle for consumers. OFDC, founded in 1994, is the nation's only organization recognized by the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), a global organics certifier. Some 30 domestic organizations authorized by the authorities have developed standards and codes on their own with mixed results.

The Beijing Consumer Association once conducted a local survey finding that unqualified organic food accounted for almost 10 percent of "green" food sales in the capital city. Some companies claim organic sourcing on their products without acquiring certification, while others simply paste on false organics labels that resemble genuine ones.

## Suggestion from experts

In order to establish a responsible organic food industry in China, experts suggest:

- Organic farmers or base owners must establish and follow strict nonscientific standards and regulations. The quality of organic manures must be strictly controlled.

- Establish long-term risk monitoring studies for application sites, responsible animal waste processing systems and rational use techniques for organic manure.

- Strengthen public knowledge concerning the true standards of organic food production.

## Organic restaurants in Beijing

### The Orchard

The restaurant organically grows its salad and herbs in a greenhouse (not certified).

Where: Cuigezhuang, Chaoyang district

Tel: 64336270

or 13911211965

### Korean Restaurant Oh Jook Hun

This restaurant serves Imperial Korean cuisine, featuring raw fish, organically farmed vegetables and kimchi dishes.

Where: Westside of 21st Century Hotel, Haoyun Street, Chaoyang

Tel: 5867 0230

### Vanilla Garden

In addition to organic vegetarian food, Vanilla Garden also runs a small store, which offers dry organic products such as rice, noodles, dry soy products, honey beeswax candles and some other organic dishes.

Where: 23, Caoyuan Hutong, Dongzhimen Nei, Dongcheng

Tel: 6405 2082

### Baihe Vegetarian

### Restaurant

This is the oldest of the three Baihe restaurants, and also serves as Baihe's headquarters. All branches offer dry organic products for sale.

Where: North 3rd Ring Road, Jimenqiao south side of the Jimen Hotel

Tel: 6202 5284

### Pure Lotus

A vegetarian restaurant run by monks from Wutai Shan which offers a selection of dishes and drinks prepared with organically grown ingredients.

Where: Holiday Inn Lido Beijing, Third Floor, Jiangtai Road, Chaoyang

Tel: 8703 6668, 6437 6288

### Kushinosato

The restaurant offers 14 kinds of deep fried Japanese kebabs, pork, beef, seafood, chicken and organic vegetables.

Where: 2, Xinyuan Jie, Chaoyang

Tel: 6462 1086

(By Huang Daohen)

## Grand Crus de Bordeaux wine dinner extravaganza at Sofitel Wanda Beijing

Indulge yourself in French gastronomy with a five-course set menu proposed by Michael Rettenwender and Frederic Meynard, served with exquisite Grands Crus de Bordeaux wine.

Where: Grand Ballroom

When: November 30, 7:30 pm cocktail, 8 pm dinner

Cost: 1,380 yuan net per person

For reservations, please contact Raimond Feng at 8599 6666 ext 6810 or email to CSM1@sofitelwandabj.com





# Take a punch break

By Gan Tian

The International Boxing Invitational Tournament and the Ninth World Wushu Championships, part of The Good Luck Beijing sports events, have heightened the craze for combat sport. If you really cannot wait for the Games to arrive, you can buy a pair of gloves to get an early start on developing that Olympic spirit.



## Helmets

If you want to be a fighter, get a pair of good gloves first and a helmet last. Participants in boxing and Wushu wear helmets to cushion the impact during a match. If you're only sparring with a punching bag a helmet usually is not necessary unless the bag fights back. Once you become more professional and take on your coach, a good helmet certainly should be considered.

If you are only boxing for fun, a helmet may not be required. Looking at the exorbitant prices of some of this equipment makes me a little punch drunk.

Available: A9, Tiyyuguan Xi Lu, Chongwen

Price: 500 yuan above



## Gloves

You can always find a wide range of boxing paraphernalia at Tiyyuguan Xi Lu, with a large range of boxing gloves. An entire spectrum of boxing gloves is available, from PCV filled with dipped foam, to professional sparring gloves made of leather.

The top of the line Title Boxing 10 ounce Pro Contest Gloves are beautifully constructed by hand, using the finest hard leather with a thumb attachment. The unique foam mold is designed to fit the shape of the fist for optimum comfort and grip, while providing superb hand protection in a classic "punchers" glove style.

Available: 26, Tiyyuguan Xi Lu, Chongwen

Price: 300 - 2,000 yuan

## Punching bags

It is not necessary to have a punching bag at home. Firstly, they are costly and secondly, they can be found and used for free at any gym offering boxing training.

If you have enough space in your home and feel you really want to have your own personal bag, you can buy one at Xiyuguan Xi Lu. The original Wavemaster is the most popular brand. The outer surface is high impact foam with a durable vinyl cover. You can fill it with sand or water. I should mention that this is a free standing punching bag. If you buy a hanging one, you will still need a punching bag stand, which could cost you as much as US \$700!

Available: 26, Tiyyuguan Xi Lu, Chongwen  
Price: about 800 yuan



## Boxing wear

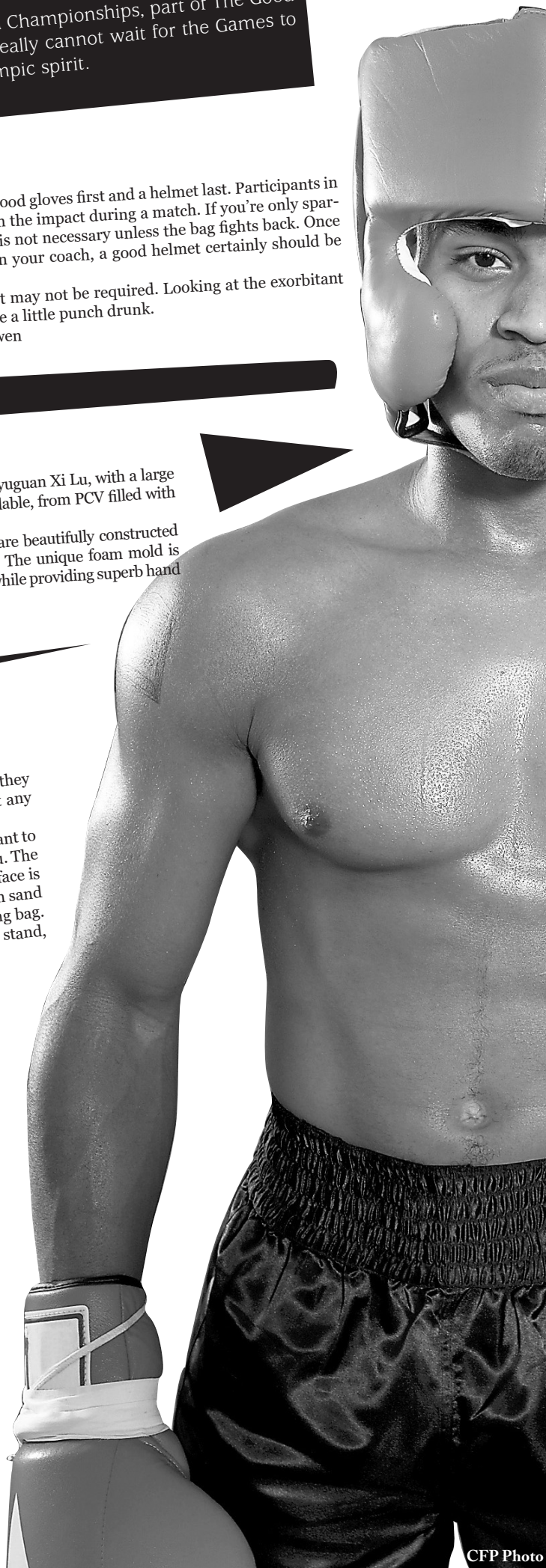
Normally, wearing sportswear is best when you box or do Wushu. Li Ning, Adidas and Nike sportswear works well. Most men choose not to wear a T-shirt or a vest as these sports make you sweat profusely. A pair of short boxing trunks is usually enough.

Available: any sportswear shop in town

Price: 100 - 200 yuan for a pair of sports pants, 50 - 150 yuan for a vest, 100 - 400 yuan for a sports shirt

## Sportswear tips

- Consider the material first when shopping. Make sure the helmet and the gloves are strong enough.
- You can get most of the sportswear you need at Tiyyuguan Xi Lu, and usually you can bargain at most of the shops there.
- When taking part in sports, avoid carrying sharp things that could harm your clothing and protective gear, for example, keys and mobile phones.



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# Dog day afternoons!

By Gan Tian

When you realize that you haven't been working out for months, you may get very depressed. But if you have a puppy called Jessie, Lewis or Coke, things are different. When you see that take-me-for-a-walk expression in their pleading eyes every morning it can be more persuasive than your private coach! A lot of dog owners know that canines can really help you work out – efficiently and with a lot of fun!



## Parachuting walk: Bernese Dog

Working on the muscles in the middle of your back is difficult. You need a sudden force applied to your back to strengthen those particular muscles. A Bernese dog is the best choice, as it can bolt in seconds. The owner can get a great arm workout by pulling on the dog's rope with different strength levels, putting pressure on his or her arms. Also, your lungs and heart will get stronger.

The Bernese dog is from Switzerland. It is curious about everything and has a lot of strength. When you want to work the muscles in your back, walk big dogs with explosive force and strength.



## Balanced jogging: Border Collie

Jogging can be a little boring, but if you cannot commit to it for at least a half hour daily, it's useless. What to do? Walk a Border Collie! This pooch is a walking machine for it can walk at the same speed for a long time without getting tired. And, it is very obedient – that scores high marks when you are jogging outside, since you don't want to be forced to scold your dog loudly in public. Jogging with a collie will reduce your extra fat at a uniform rate. Dalmatians are another good choice.



## Fartlek training: Shiba Inu Dog

Fartlek training originates in Northern Europe where the terrain is mountainous and rocky. People can get a good workout in countries with rich topographies. If there is a park near your apartment, you can try exercising with a Japanese Shiba Inu Dog.

The Shiba Dog comes from mountainous areas and is used mainly for hunting. They love mountains and winding roads. By following winding paths and small hills in the park, you can increase the strength in your feet and waist. In addition, you will get a better counterbalance after a short exercise period.

The English Pointer, born for hunting, is also another good choice. Tuanjiehu Park, Chaoyang Park and Honglingjin Park are recommended places to train. The rocks and mountains in these parks are perfect for your English Pointer.



## Swift jogging: Toy Poodle

If you think jogging on a fixed path is boring, try strapping on a French Toy Poodle. It loves playing anywhere. Taking it out will keep you in perpetual motion while enjoying a plethora of new destinations and paths. You can confidently drop its leash and let it play everywhere. Working a toy poodle daily will certainly tune up your reflexes making you fast on your feet and this translates into making you more focused at work. This kind of jogging produced by a Toy Poodle is called "swift jogging." A Jack Russell Terrier will produce the same effect.



## Anti-drag force walking: Maltese Dog

Jogging with dumbbells in hand, or with sandbags tied to your feet, is dubbed, "anti-drag force gym." It helps you firstly to reduce the fat, and secondly to strengthen your muscles by using an external burden. You probably never thought that a Maltese Dog could replace your dumbbells and sandbags. This dog, a lazy lady, can rest motionless for a long time! Its three-kilogram weight suits this style well. If you get tired of carrying it while working out, simply put it down and it will follow you home obediently. A Paillon is another laid-back dog that can help you with this kind of exercise.

## Rest-walking: French Bulldog

This kind of running activity requires you to rest and run quickly repetitively. It can cut a lot of calories and comes courtesy of a French Bulldog. This breed is always curious. Whenever it sniffs something interesting, it rushes there. You must follow in tow at a quick run, and then rest for awhile. In less than 10 minutes, the dog will be up and on the move again. It will rush to its next destination with great speed – and you must be prepared to keep up! Rest, run, rest, run, rest, run is the hectic bulldog pattern ... five daily outings with this four-legged fireball will earn you a nice figure, so hook up with a French Bulldog now!





# Warm up to winter at Beijing's springs

Beijing's hot springs have a history going back 1,500 to 2,000 years. Xiaotangshan in Changping District is the most famous of the capital's springs, and was included as part of the Imperial family's palace springs since the middle of Ming Dynasty (1368-1683).

Today, the city is host to many diverse hot spring resorts. During the cold winter, a tour of the city's warm and cozy springs may be just what the doctor ordered.



The Water World in Longxi Spring Resort

Photo provided by Longxi Spring Resort



Morui Water World



Enjoy a private spring bath in Yujinxiang spring's chambers.

## Longxi Spring Resort, Daxing District

Swap your woolen leggings for a sleek swimsuit when you head for a soak in these pools. At the Longxi resort, one ticket grants access to every spring.

If you are unsure which spring best suits your physical condition, ask the on-site doctors for advice. The doctors will suggest springs for each ailment, and provide a list of which effects each spring offers.

Last summer, Longxi imported fish from Turkey for one of its new pools. The 5-centimeter long fish live in water at 35 to 40 degrees Celsius and eat the skin cuticles and microscopic bacteria found on the body of whoever enters their pool. The fish therapy pool is good for people with skin problems, such as psoriasis. In some resorts, fish therapy requires an extra fee, but it is included in the entrance ticket at Longxi.

Tropic plants, bamboo houses and artificial rocks lend a tropical flavor to the spa. Whether you want to beautify and whiten your skin or relieve bodily ailments in a Japanese or South Korean alcohol spring, Longxi has a pool to satisfy.

**Where:** 8, Shunjing Lu, Panggezhuang, Daxing District

**Open:** 9 am – 2 am next day

**Cost:** 229 yuan per person, 239 yuan per person during weekend; includes a buffet

**Tel:** 8928 2222

**Getting there:** Drive along the Jinghai Expressway and take the Panggezhuang Exit. Turn right from the crossing at Guaxiang Bridge to Shunjing Lu. Turn right again at the first intersection. The Longxi Spring Resort is part of the Longxi Shunjing Villa community.



The Turkey fish spa at the Longxi Spring Resort

Photo provided by Longxi Spring Resort

## Yujinxiang (tulip) Spring Resort, Chaoyang District

This resort provides visitors with a tranquil and private hot spring experience. After a serene private bath, go to Morui Water World for a different experience.

The spring chambers in the resort are wooden structures in Japanese style. There are private and outdoor pools in each house. The pools are small, but very safe for you to enjoy a totally naked bath. The spring water is changed after guests leave. After the bath, you can have another flower or milk bath in a big wooden cask. For people who want to rest in a tranquil environment or enjoy

romantic hours with their lover, the spring chamber in Yujinxiang Spring Resort is a nice choice.

Have a rest after the spring bath, and then go to Morui Water World for an exciting change. Sliding down high-elevation water slides or stand your ground in the face of oncoming waves in the wave pool.

Warm stone baths, spas, body boards and floaters are available in the water park.

**Where:** Jinzhan Xiang, Dongwei Lu, Chaoyang District

**Open:** 1 pm – 11 pm, Monday to Friday

9:30 am – 11 pm, weekend  
**Cost:** Spring chamber, 3,200 yuan; if you do not book a room, 1,000 yuan for three hours

Morui Water World, 98 yuan per person, Monday to Friday, 138 yuan per person during weekends

**Tel:** 8433 7800

**Getting there:** Follow the Airport Expressway and to the Weigou Exit. Turn right at the intersection with Dongwei Lu. The resort is visible on the west side of the street.

(By Jackie Zhang)

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Have fun in Asia's largest indoor pool  
Photos provided by Tianlongyuan Hot Spring Resort

## Jiuhua Spa & Resort, Changping District

Jiuhua Spa & Resort in Changping District began as a royal resort during Yuan Dynasty (1206-1368), and continues today as a warm paradise during the capital's chilly winters.

The resort has 40 hot spring pools, fed by underground water at an average temperature of about 41 degrees Celsius.

The hot springs are a pleasant getaway from the downtown and a place to bathe like an emperor. It's a perfect way to end a long day after an excursion to the Great Wall. Enjoy a hot spring bath, cup of tea in hand, while snowflakes flutter overhead.

The entry fee grants customers unlimited access to 30 of the pools in the resort's courtyards, which offer herbal baths with remedies for rheumatism, arthritis, fatigue and skin conditions.

Larger public pools are equipped with plasma TVs so patrons can watch while they bathe, and clocks are hung on

the walls for guests to clock their soaking sessions.

Other facilities available with the standard entry fee include an Egyptian-themed sauna heated by bricks and a jade-walled steam bath room.

Extra fees are charged for mud baths with mud mined from 1,600 meters underground, massages, bubble baths and VIP pools.

Food and drinks are available on site, and make the bathing experience more like a party.

**Where:** Xiaotangshan Town, Changping District

**Open:** 8 am - 1:30 am next day

**Cost:** 220 yuan  
**Tel:** 6178 2288

**Getting There:** Take line 13 of the subway to Lishuiqiao station, then take bus 984 north to its terminus.

If you prefer to drive, take North Fourth Ring Road to the Anhui Overpass, then drive 25 kilometers north on Litang Road to Shunsha Road, and turn east at Willow Traffic Island.



Enjoy a bath in a warm paradise on earth  
Photos provided by Jiuhua Spa & Resort

## Tianlongyuan Hot Spring Resort, Changping District

Tianlongyuan Hot Spring Resort's standard entrance fee entitles visitors to a package of services: hot spring baths, medicinal spring baths, saunas, showers, surfing, swimming and an evening performance.

The resort offers hot spring pools drawing on water sources from as deep as 1,916 meters underground. It has the biggest indoor public bathing area in Asia, with a 2,000 square meter hot spring, of which, 800 square meters is zoned off as a hot spring swimming pool. The pools, pavilions, attics, streams, ponds and gardens in the spring hall make it a hot spring heaven.

Enjoy a medicinal bath at the Chuanshangrenjia hot spring hall or head to a water park in the public hall, which is more fun - especially for children. The park has a wave pool and water slide.

After a long soak, head to the lobby for a massage. Both foot massages and full-body massages are available, and visitors can lay on a sofa in the lobby to watch a movie while the massager works his or her magic.

The resort offers more than a warm and healing bath. It also has a teahouse, a karaoke bar,



Surf in winter



snack bar, beer bar and a Chinese restaurant.

Red Mill on Hot Sea, a figure skating and acrobatic performance, is staged nightly at 8 pm, Monday excluded, and features high-level performers from both Russia and China.

**Where:** West Dengzhuangcun, Changping District

**Open:** the Chuanshangrenjia

Hot Spring is open 10 am - 12 pm; the Tianyishengshui water park is open 1 pm - 11 pm.

**Cost:** 158 yuan  
**Tel:** 8010 0088

**Getting there:** Take Line 2 of the subway and get off at Jishuitan Station. Head above ground and board bus 919 for Yanqing District. Get off at the Changping District exit. If driving, you take the Madian Bridge exit on eastern North Third Ring Road, then turn onto the Badaling Highway. Exit the highway at exit of 13C and head for the Xiguan Turn-around in Changping District. Drive another two kilometers west at the turnaround, and the resort will be on the north side of the road.

## Tips

The water temperature in hot spring resorts is usually around 43 degrees Celsius in winter. Soaking in hot springs can promote blood circulation and reduce symptoms of high blood pressure, heart problems, rheumatism, arthritis and cold hands and feet. Lounging in a hot spring also helps to relieve pressure and eases back pain, spine and shoulder problems.

However, hot springs are not suitable for everyone.

Follow the tips below to ensure a pleasant and refreshing experience.

1. Do not soak in a hot spring when you feel hungry, or after eating or drinking a lot. It may cause dizziness and vomiting.
2. People with heart problems and high blood pressure should warm up slowly before a full soak.
3. Enter the pool slowly. First, let the water go up to your abdomen, and then slowly go deeper until the water is up

to your chest.

4. Stay in the pool for about 10 minutes and relax your mind. Then exit the pool and take a break for 5-6 minutes. Have a drink before getting back into the pool. A cup of tea is the best choice.
5. When you finish soaking, lay down for 10 to 20 minutes. It is a great time for a massage and beautification.
6. Take a shower with clean water before getting dressed.

(By Jiang Xubo)



# 10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU

**Movie of the Week**
*By Annie Wei*

Movies with a teenage love theme are always popular. This story based on *Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare, offers a new version set in modern high school and this rendition of the tale has certainly been updated well. The story has been brought to life well by a cast of virtual unknowns with some nice enough performances offered.

Although it was released in 1999, it is still a very interesting film for all those who want to reminisce about their high school days.

**Synopsis:**

In this updated version of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*, a new kid in school Cameron James is head over heels for popular sophomore Bianca Stratford, but Bianca's overprotective father forbids her to date Cameron unless Bianca's older ill-tempered, rebellious sister Kat dates. But Joey Donner wants Bianca, so he uses sullen senior Patrick Verona to attempt to win Kat's heart. Will Patrick be able to win Kat over and will Cameron be able to have Bianca?

**Scene 1: Guidance Counselor's office – Day**

*(Cameron James, a clean-cut, easy-going senior with a farm-boy face, sits facing Miss Perky, an impossibly cheery guidance counselor)*

**Miss Perky:** I'm sure you won't find Padua any different than your old school. Same little ass wipe motherfuckers everywhere.

**Miss Perky:** Any questions?

**Cameron:** I don't think so, ma'am

**Miss Perky:** Then go forth. Scoot, I've got deviants <sup>(1)</sup> to see.

*(Cameron rises to leave and makes eye contact with Patrick Verona, a sullen-looking bad ass senior who waits outside Ms Perky's door. His slouch and smirk let us know how cool he is. Miss Perky looks down at her*



*file and up at Patrick)*

**Miss Perky:** Patrick Verona. I see we're making our visits a weekly ritual.

**Patrick:** I missed you.

**Miss Perky:** It says here you exposed yourself to a group of freshmen girls.

**Patrick:** It was a bratwurst. I was eating lunch.

**Miss Perky:** With the teeth of your zipper?

**Scene 2: English Class – Day**

**Mrs Blaise:** That's enough, Mr. Dorsey.

*(Really gets fired up now)*

**Kat:** I guess the school board thinks because Hemingway's male and an asshole, he's worthy of our time.

**Kat:** *(continuing):* What about Colette <sup>(4)</sup>? Charlotte Bronte <sup>(5)</sup>? Simone de Beauvoir <sup>(6)</sup>?

*(Patrick, lounging in his seat in the back row, elbows, crusty-looking, identified by the name "SCURVY," embroidered on his work shirt)*

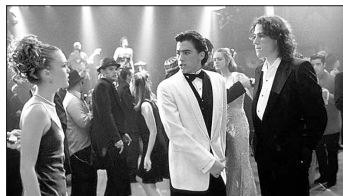
**Patrick:** Mother Goose? *(The class titters <sup>(7)</sup>. Kat wears an expression of intolerance.)*

**Miss Perky:** The point is Kat – people perceive you as somewhat

**Kat:** Tempestuous <sup>(8)</sup>?

**Miss Perky:** No ... I believe "heinous <sup>(9)</sup> bitch" is the term used most often.

*(She grimaces <sup>(10)</sup>, as if she's referring to a medical condition)*



**Mrs Blaise:** Well, then. Oh, yes. I guess that does it for our analysis of *The Old Man and the Sea*. Any other comments? (with dread) Kat?

**Kat:** Why didn't we just read the Hardy Boys?

**Mrs Blaise:** I'm sorry?

**Kat:** This book is about a guy and his fishing habit. Not exactly a crucial topic.

**Kat:** Frankly, I'm baffled <sup>(2)</sup> as to why we still revere Hemingway. He was an abusive, alcoholic misogynist <sup>(3)</sup> who had a lot of cats.

*(Joey Dorsey, a well-muscled jock with great cheekbones, makes fun of her from his row)*

**Joey:** As opposed to a bitter self-righteous hag who has no friends?

**Vocabulary**

**1 Deviant:** one that differs from the norm, especially a person whose behavior and attitudes differ from accepted social standards

**2 Baffled:** confused, bewildered or perplexed

**3 Misogynist:** one who hates, dislikes, or mistrusts women

**4 Colette:** Sidonie Gabrielle Claudine Colette, 1873-1954,

French author

**5 Bronte:** Family of British novelists and poets, including Charlotte (1816-1855), Emily, (1818-1848), and Anne (1820-1849).

**6 Simone de Beauvoir:** French writer, existentialist, and feminist whose works include *The Second Sex* (1949) and *The Coming of Age* (1970), a study of how different

cultures view old age

**7 Titter:** to laugh in a restrained, self-conscious, or affected way, as from nervousness or in ill-suppressed amusement.

**8 Tempestuous:** characterized by violent emotions or behavior

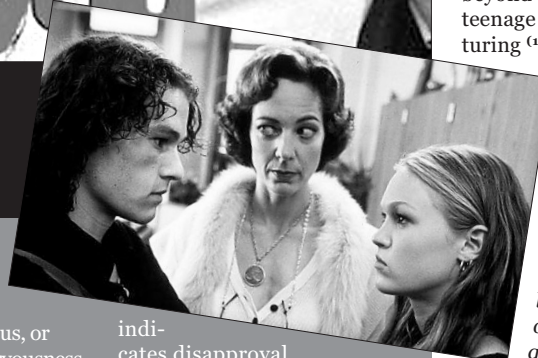
**9 Heinous:** hateful, odious, abominable, totally reprehensible

**10 Grimace:** a facial expression, often ugly or contorted, that

indicates disapproval

**11 Venture:** an undertaking involving uncertainty as to the outcome, usually a risky or dangerous one

**12 Diluted:** liquid made thinner or weaker by the addition of water or the like


**Scene 3: EXT. School Courtyard – Day**

*(Mandella and Kat sit down in a quiet corner. They are eating a carton of yogurt with gusto)*

**Mandella:** Your sister is so amazingly without. She'll never read him. She has no idea.

*(Kat attacks)*

**Kat:** The fact that you're cutting gym so you can T.A. Sophomore English just to hear his name, is a little without in itself if you ask me.

*(Kat's attention is caught by Patrick as he walks by with his friends, lighting up a cigarette. Mandella notices her staring)*

**Mandella:** Who's that?

**Kat:** Patrick Verona, random skid.

**Mandella:** That's Pat Verona? The one who was gone for a year? I heard he was doing porn movies.

**Kat:** I'm sure he's completely incapable of doing anything that interesting. I realize that the men of this fine institution are severely lacking, but killing yourself so you can be with William Shakespeare is beyond the scope of normal teenage obsessions. You're venturing <sup>(11)</sup> far past daytime

talk show fodder and entering the world of those who need very expensive therapy.

*(Michael and Cameron observe Joey's leers at Bianca from their bench in another corner. Cowboys eating out of a can of beans linger on the grass behind them)*

**Cameron:** Why do girls like that always like guys like that?

**Michael:** Because they're bred to. Their mothers liked guys like that, and their grandmothers before them. Their gene pool is rarely diluted <sup>(12)</sup>.



# Boys in blue are there for you

## Chinglish story

This column focuses on Chinglish mistakes in our daily life. If you have any experiences to share, send them to Gan Tian at [gantian@ynet.com](mailto:gantian@ynet.com).



CFP Photo

By Jackie Zhang

Tracy, my friend, moved to England three years ago with her parents. When she started her new life in a strange country, she could only speak a little English.

After she lived and studied in Liverpool for one year, her English level improved. However she told me that when she returned to Beijing last year she still remembers one fateful winter night at the end of her first year in Liverpool. She encountered a dangerous situation and almost got hurt because of an English misunderstanding.

In England, if you go home late at night, you have to be careful and walk a little bit quicker in order to get home earlier. Otherwise, if you are unfortunate, you may meet up with some jobless ne'er-do-wells who may try to rob you for extra pub money.

Tracy's school was a 15-minute walk from her home. On that winter night, she left school late after a party with Jessica, her friend. They went home together, talking about boys they had met.

The street was quiet and empty. Two boys who looked like they were still teenagers jumped out from a dark corner, demand-

ing the two girls give them money. Tracy did not know what to do. Luckily, Jessica was a clever and calm girl. She threw their heavy bags, full of books, at the robber's heads and bolted with Tracy in tow.

The boys chased them. "Tracy, let's run in two different directions. There should be some boys in blue nearby. Run to them and ask for help." Jessica cried, and then, ran in another direction, intending to distract the culprits. "Run to the boys in blue?" Tracy repeated this instruction to herself and kept on running. But, she didn't see any boys wearing blue coats or hats.

Finally, she managed to escape the danger when she was lucky enough to spot a nearby police station and ask for help. The two boys were caught.

After that, Tracy was told that boys in blue were not actually boys wearing blue coats or blue hats. "Boys in blue" is an English idiom in Britain referring to policemen. "You were quite lucky to stumble upon the police station. If you had kept on searching for boys wearing blue, who knows what might have happened to us," Jessica said to her later on.

This column aims to identify Chinglish in public areas. If you see any Chinglish signs, please take a picture and send it to [gantian@ynet.com](mailto:gantian@ynet.com) together with your name and address.



## Is your number developed?

By Derrick Sobodash

One of the most difficult parts of correcting Chinglish is figuring out where the original translator went wrong. Usually it is choosing too literal a rendering, selecting the wrong English word or the infamous pitfall of translating character by character.

And then there are signs like this one, which come totally out of left field to shatter all Chinglish norms.

"The number is developed and printed in rush."

About the only word in this sign that is correct is the word "print." How they managed to get it so phenomenally wrong is a real mystery.

The first half of the sign, *shuma chongyin*, is a phrase commonly used for "digital prints." That *shuma* means digital, like digital technology, but could have the meaning of a number, especially a numerical code. It is possible that is how they got "The number."

However, you do not develop digital photos, you print them. Actual photographs are developed by being bathed in a chemical solution. The Chinese uses the *chong* from this process, *chongxi*, combined with the *yin* from *dayin*, to print.

In the next half of the sign, a literal translation is not really possible. However the intended meaning here is "express." The store says it will immediately process and print your digital photographs.

It would be better in this instance to simply write a new English message for the sign, like "Express digital prints available."

You cannot make English follow the same pattern as Chinese and still sound native any more than you can directly cast English into Chinese and have it sound natural – it is a mistake bound to make your translation develop a number of problems.

## Local professor: Zhu Shida

### 1. Turn for better recent years

The English phrase should be "turn for the better" instead of "turn for better." For the adverbial of time, it should be "in recent years" instead of "recent years." When you say "last year," it does not assume any preposition before it. If you say "in last year," it is not idiomatic and is definitely wrong.

### 2. Premier

When you refer to the opening of a performance, it is referred to as a premiere. Don't confuse the two words: "premier" means "first" as an adjective, and "premiere" means a first public performance and is used as a noun.

### 3. Climbers come without registration so that they don't know the weather conditions.

The problem with this sentence is the usage of "so that." According to the context, it should be followed by a clause of consequence instead of a clause of result. The sentence should read, "Climbers come without registration so they don't know the weather conditions."

## Blacklist

*Beijing Today* has come up with Blacklist, a new column of words or phrases commonly misused by Chinese speakers. If you're planning to be an English teacher, reporter or employee of a multinational company, then this page is your new best friend. Watch it for each week.

## Native Speaker: Joe Edwards

### 1. Turn for better recent years

This sentence has certainly taken a turn for the worse which is our grammatical point here. The correct English phrase is, "turn for the better." The article, "the" must be added to correct the sentence. And, if you choose "recent years" to follow, "turn for the better," you have to add the preposition, "in," to complete the phrase correctly and amaze your English teacher. The final result reads, "Turn for the better in recent years."

### 2. Premier and premiere

Don't confuse the two words, premiere and premier. One is a noun, one is an adjective. If you attend the opening night of a new show, you are going to the premiere, its first public performance. Hold on. It's gets rough now. If this was your very first time attending such a gala, we would say it was your premier time. Here, premier is an adjective. If we were talking about Wen Jiabao, we would say, it was the premier's premier time attending a premiere. I warned you it was going to get rough.

### 3. Climbers come without registration so that they don't know the weather conditions

The words, "so that," are the grammatical flies in the ointment here. You're mixing up your clauses of result and consequence. Never mix up your clauses especially this close to Christmas. This sentence requires, no, demands a clause of consequence and should read, "Climbers come without registration so they don't know the weather conditions." That is now correct and my very early Christmas gift to you.



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## Friday, November 30



## Saturday, December 1

### Exhibition

#### Women and Fashion

##### – Liu Fei Solo Exhibition

Where: Gallery Beijing Space, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang  
 When: Tue-Sun 10am – 6pm, until December 15  
 Admission: Free  
 Tel: 8459 9304

##### Cui Guotai Solo Exhibition



Where: White Space Beijing, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang  
 When: Tue-Sun 11 am – 6 pm, until January 20  
 Admission: Free  
 Tel: 8456 2054

### Outdoor

#### Hike: Great Wall Simatai and Jinshanling

Where: Meet at the Chinese Cul-

ture Club (Kent Center, 29 Anjialou, Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang) for coach transportation.

When: 8:30 am – 7 pm  
 Cost: 350 yuan  
 Tel: 6432 9341, 6432 1041

### Movie

#### Still Life



Shot in the old village of Fengjie, which was destroyed by the construction of China's Three Gorges Dam, it recounts the story of people who come back to Fengjie during the upheaval. A miner returns to the village looking for his wife and a nurse for her husband.

Where: Cherry Lane Movies, inside Kent Center, Anjialou, Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang  
 When: 9 pm  
 Admission: 50 yuan  
 Tel: 13901134745

## Sunday, December 2

### Exhibition

#### We Often Have Nothing To Say – Xiao Zheluo Solo Exhibition



Where: Beijing 9 Art Space, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang  
 When: Tue-Sun 10 am – 6 pm, until December 31  
 Admission: Free  
 Tel: 8459 9663  
**Zhanghui Recent Works 2006-2007**



Where: Star Gallery, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang  
 When: Tue-Sun 10 am – 6 pm, until December 10  
 Admission: Free  
 Tel: 8456 0591

#### Small Work Show for Christmas

Where: Artist Village Gallery, 1 North of Renzhuang, Songzhuang, Tongzhou  
 When: Daily 8 am – midnight, until December 28  
 Admission: 20 yuan  
 Tel: 6959 8343, 13901244283

### Outdoor

#### 2 Days to Nanjing – The South Capital

Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, 306 kilometers Northwest of Shanghai, literally means the south capital (Beijing, north capital).  
 Where: take overnight train to Nanjing at 9:44 pm on November 30 and fly back to Beijing at around 10:30 pm on December 2.  
 Cost: 2,900 yuan  
 Tel: 6432 9341, 6432 1041

### Exhibition

#### Lotus and Dream – He Zubin Solo Exhibition



Where: New Millennium Gallery, 3818 Warehouse, No 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang  
 When: Daily 10 am – 7 pm, until December 25  
 Admission: Free  
 Tel: 6432 4122

#### 85 & 89 – The Trend of Art Thought in 1985 & Post-1989 Art

85 & 89 exhibits the newest art works of some excellent artists, including Mao Xuhui, Fang Shaohua, Ye Yongqing, Shi Lei, Zhang Nian, Li Ji, Li Bangyao, Sun Guojuan, Zhou Chunya, Wu Jun, Yang Guoxin, Tang Zhigang, Yuan Xiaofang, Luan Xiaojie, Pan Dehai, Wei Guangqing.  
 Where: Expol-Sources Art Space, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang  
 When: Tue-Sun 10:30 am – 6:30 pm, until December 12  
 Admission: Free  
 Tel: 6431 4793

#### The Blur – Group Exhibition of Korean Artists

Where: Gallery Mook, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang  
 When: Tue-Sun 10 am – 6 pm, until December 16  
 Admission: Free  
 Tel: 5134 4969

### Movie

#### Frio Sol de Invierno

Adrian returns from another stretch at the mental hospital to find that his father has decided to live far away from him. Middle-aged Raquel scrapes by as a prostitute, while her teenage son seeks escape. One night their paths cross.

Where: Beijing Cervantes Institution, A 1 Gongti Nan Lu, Chaoyang  
 When: 7 pm  
 Admission: Free  
 Tel: 5879 9666



## Stage in December

### Music

#### Groove Coverage Beijing Concert

Who: Groove Coverage  
 Where: Beijing Exhibition Theater, 135 Xizhimen Wai Dajie, Xicheng  
 When: 7:30 pm, December 2  
 Admission: 180-880 yuan

#### Handel Messiah by International Festival Chorus

Who: International Festival Chorus and Martin Ennis  
 Where: Zhongshan Music Hall, inside Zhongshan Park, Dongcheng  
 When: 7:30 pm, December 8  
 Admission: 80-320 yuan

#### Richard Clayderman & Guoyue Tianjiao New Year Piano Concert

Who: Richard Clayderman  
 Where: Great Hall of the People, on the west side of Tiananmen Square, Xicheng  
 When: 7:30 pm, December 27  
 Admission: 180-1,680 yuan

#### New Year Concert: From Barcelona To Beijing

Who: The Principado De Asturias Symphony Orchestra  
 Where: Poly Theater, 14 Dongzhimen Nan Dajie, Chaoyang  
 When: 7:30 pm, December 30-31  
 Admission: 80-2,008 yuan

### Drama

#### Musical Jin Sha

Who: Directed by San Bao  
 Where: Poly Theater, 14 Dongzhimen Nan Dajie, Chaoyang  
 When: 7:30 pm, December 28-29  
 Admission: 80-880 yuan

### Dance

#### Moscow Theater Ballet Troupe China Tour

Who: Moscow Theater Ballet Troupe  
 Where: Minorities Cultural Palace Theater, 49 Fuxingmen Nei Dajie, Xicheng  
 When: 7:30pm, December 21-24  
 Admission: 80-880 yuan

### Tap Dance

#### Christmas Shoes

Who: Chicago American Stamp Champion Team  
 Where: Beijing Exhibition Theater, 135 Xizhimen Wai Dajie, Xicheng  
 When: 7:30 pm, December 21-23  
 Admission: 80-1,280 yuan

#### Madame Butterfly by Northern Ballet Theater

Who: Northern Ballet Theater (UK)  
 Where: Poly Theater, 14 Dongzhimen Nan Dajie, Chaoyang  
 When: 7:30 pm, December 21-23  
 Admission: 120-1,680 yuan

(By Li Jing)